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BIRTHS.

GRIFFIN—December 27, 1924, at Private Nursing Home, Carnew, to Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Griffin, a son.

HILLIARD—December 26, 1924, at Dromhall, Killarney, to Mr. and Mrs. Richard M. Hilliard, a daughter.

KAVANAGH—December 26, 1924, at 12 Upper Leeson street, to Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Kavanagh, 1 Larissa Villas, Kimmage road, County Dublin, a son.

KNOX—December 27, 1924, at Moycia, Wandsworth Gardens, Belfast, to Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Knox, a son.

MINAHAN—December 24, 1924, at Stella Maris, Earlsfort terrace, to Elizabeth, wife of the Hon. P. J. Minahan, K.S.S., M.L.A., Sydney, Australia, a son (Oliver Noel Patrick).

O'DONNELL—December 24, 1924 (at midnight), at Stella Maris, to Dr. John J. and Mrs. O'Donnell, 78 Amiens street, a daughter (Beata Mary).

SMYTH—December 28, 1924, at Strathfoyle, Strabane, County Tyrone, to Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Smyth, a son.

STOKES—December 26, 1924, at Magiona, Upper Mount street, to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Stokes, Main street, Longford, a daughter.

TELFORD—December 30, 1924, at New Court, Athlone, the wife of John Telford, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

DOYLE and McGRATH—December 23, 1924, at R.C. Church, Warren street, Piccadilly, London, William Ewart Doyle, Piccadilly Hotel, youngest son of the late William and Mrs. Doyle, 4 Royal terrace, Kingstown, and grandson of the late Mr. Egan, Danesfield, Clontarf, to Mabel Philomena Stephanie (Bunnie), daughter of the late James McGrath, Marianville Park, Maynooth, and of Mrs. McGrath, Belfeville House, Ashtown, Phœnix Park, and Richmond, Surrey.

EVANS and McQUADE—December 19, 1924, at Christ Church, Leeson Park, by the Rev. A. E. Hughes, Samuel Alban Evans, M.R.C.V.S. (Veterinary Officer, Tanganyika Territory), youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Evans, Julianstown House, Nobber, County Meath, to Susan Beatrice, younger daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. T. McQuade, Virginia, County Cavan

STOKER and MACQUEEN—December 30, 1924, at St. Clement Danes, London, George Morris Stoker, M.R.C.S., son of Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Stoker, of Beddington, Surrey, to Elsie Margaret, eldest daughter of the late George Macqueen and of Mrs. Macqueen, of Montrose, Scotland.

DEATHS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS received late for insertion in this column will be found on Page 6.

DICKIE—Monday, December 29, 1924, at Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital, Edmund Burns Dickie, of Castlerea. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord." Funeral from the Presbyterian Church, Boyle, to Aasylin, Friday, 2nd January, 1925, at 12 o'clock.

McCLURE—December 29, 1924, at Greenbank, Maryborough, George Norman, dearly-loved youngest son of Joseph and Frances McClure. Funeral private.

McDONALD—December 29, 1924, at Newtown Park, Blackrock, Margaret, youngest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Patrick McDonald. Deeply regretted. R.I.P. Funeral from Saint John the Baptist Church, Blackrock, at 2 o'clock, to Dean's Grange to-day (Wednesday).

PATTERSON—December 29, 1924, suddenly, John Robert Patterson, Sycamore House, Brookeborough. Funeral to-morrow (Thursday), January 1st, at 12.30 p.m., to Colebrooke.

PENTONY—December 30, 1924, at his residence, Commons, Navan, Thomas Pentony. Deeply regretted. R.I.P. Funeral to-morrow (Thursday) at 2 o'clock from St. Mary's Cathedral to New Cemetery. No flowers, by request. American papers please copy.

PERRY—December 30, 1924, at Lisderg, King's County, Ernest William Perry, of Belmont, in his 66th year. Funeral Friday, 2nd January, at 12.30.

POTTER—December 27, 1924, at 1 Dartmouth, Dartry road, Dublin, Jane Georgina Bloomfield Potter, widow of the late Brigade-Surgeon Henry Potter, Indian Medical Service, aged 80 years. Deeply mourned. Funeral strictly private. No flowers, by request.

REDDY—At her residence, 135 Philipsburgh avenue, Fairview, Dublin, Mrs. Bridget Reddy, dearly-beloved widow of the late Patrick Reddy, Mall, Drogheda, aged 66. R.I.P. Funeral (strictly private) to family burial ground, Mornington, Drogheda

STAPLETON—December 29, 1924, at his residence, Cormacstown, Holycross, Thurles, after short illness, Walter Stapleton, son of the late Walter Stapleton, Thurles. Much regretted by his brothers, aunt, and uncle. Funeral from Holycross Chapel to family burial place, Ballycahill.

TIERNEY—December 19, 1924, at Bristol, London, John Tiernen, aged 74 years. Deeply mourned. Sacred Heart, have mercy on his soul.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

Mrs. Doyle and family, 13 Haroldville avenue, Dolphin's Barn, wish to return sincere thanks to all their friends for their kind messages of sympathy in their recent and bereavement, and trust this acknowledgment will be accepted by all.

The friends and relatives of the late Father **Hanley**, Castlerea, desire to return thanks for the many kind messages of sympathy received on the occasion of their recent great bereavement.

IN MEMORIAM.

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Leave we now our loved one sleeping.
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DUDGEON—In loving memory of James Dudgeon, who died at his residence, 37 Lower Beechwood avenue, on the 30th of December, 1917.
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ERSKINE—In sad and affectionate memory of William James Erskine, who was called Home on 31st December, 1923. "Thy Will be done." Inserted by his loving wife, children, and grandchildren.

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NATHAN—In loving memory of Edmond Kevin, the dearly-loved son of Thomas and the late Anaie Nathan, 44 Lower Beechwood avenue, who died in London December 31st, 1922. R.I.P.

PALMER—In loving and tender memory of our darling baby, Hope, who fell asleep December 31st, 1923. Greatly loved.

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SAORSTAT EIREANN.
Pursuant to an Order of the High Court of Justice, made in a Suit—
JAMES CONNOLLY, Plaintiff;
DENIS HIGGINS, Defendant.
All persons claiming to be Incumbrancees affecting the Defendant's interest in that part of the Lands of Ballyleary, containing 67 acres 1 rood 27 perches, Statute measure, situate in the Elec. First Division of Queenstown, Rural Barony of Barrymore, and County of Cork, being the lands entered on Folio 13,305 of the Land Register of said county, are, by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their claims at Chambers, Law Courts, Dublin Castle, on or before the 28th day of January, 1925, or, in default thereof, they will be peremptorily excluded from the benefit of the said Order.
Every such Incumbrancee holding any security is to produce the same at Chambers, Law Courts, Dublin Castle, on the 4th day of February, 1925, at eleven of the clock in the forenoon, being the time appointed for adjudicating on the claims.
Dated this 13th day of December, 1924.
JOHN HEALY, Chief Clerk.

STATUTORY NOTICE TO CREDITORS.
In the Goods of
ELIZABETH THOMAS, late of Tubbermore road, Dalkey, in the County of Dublin, Widow, Deceased.
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the 22nd and 23rd Vic., cap. 35, that all persons claiming (in his creditors or otherwise to have any claim or demand against the estate or assets of the said Elizabeth Thomas, Deceased, who died on the 22nd day of June, 1924, are hereby required, on or before the 3rd day of February, 1925, to furnish (in writing) the particulars of such claims or demands to the undersigned Solicitor for the Executrix of said Deceased, to whom Probate of the Will of said Deceased has been granted forth of the Principal Registry (Probate) of the High Court of Justice, Saorstat Eireann, on the 5th day of December, 1924.
And Notice is hereby given that after the said 3rd day of February, 1925, the said Executrix will proceed to distribute the assets of the said Deceased, having regard only to the claims and demands of which notice and particulars have been given as above required.
Dated this 30th day of December, 1924.
MICHAEL J. DOWERS, Solicitor for the Executrix, 24 Dame street, Dublin.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE, SAORSTAT EIREANN.
IN BANKRUPTCY.
MICHAEL KELLY, of Bridge street, Longford, in the County of Longford, Draper, was, on the 1st day of December, 1924, adjudged Bankrupt.
Public Sittings will be held before the Court at the Law Courts, the Castle, Dublin, on Friday, the 16th day of January, 1925, and on Friday, the 30th day of January, 1925, at the hour of Eleven o'clock in the forenoon, whereat the Bankrupt is to attend and to make a full disclosure and discovery of his estate and effects. Creditors may prove their debts and at the First Sitting choose a Creditor's Assignee. At the Last Sitting the Bankrupt is required to finish his Examination.
All persons having in their possession any property of the Bankrupt should deliver it, and all debts due to the Bankrupt should be paid to A. G. Hollinshead, Official Assignee, Law Courts, the Castle, Dublin, to whom creditors may forward their Affidavits of Debt.
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BRIDGET MURPHY, of 35 North Clarence street, in the County of the City of Dublin, Spinster, was, on the 18th day of June, 1924, adjudged Bankrupt.
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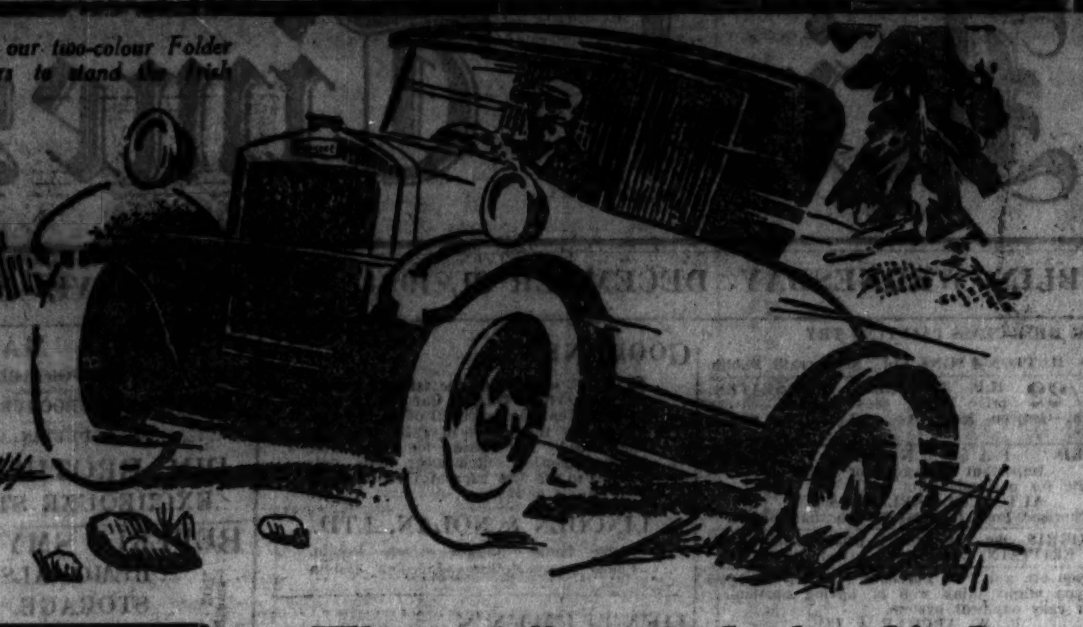

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For Richard Lovell Edgeworth quite evidently considered his daughter's great talent to be his own personal property; and, in so far as he could, he overlooked and interfered with everything that she wrote.

But Maria Edgeworth's best book, Castle Rackrent, was happily written at a time when her father was away; and consequently there is a freshness and a vigour about this Irish story of more than a century ago that, in other of her works, has been reduced to stodgy moralising by her interfering parent. Byron, writing in his diary of his impressions of the Edgeworth family, said of the authoress: "Her conversation was as quiet as herself; no one would have guessed that she could write her name. Whereas her father talked, not as if he could write nothing else, but as if nothing else were worth writing." In a letter from Joanna Baillie to Sir Walter Scott, the following remark occurs: "She (Miss Edgeworth) is cheerful and talks easily and fluently, and tells her little story (when her father does not take it out of her mouth) very pleasantly." Yet, when this seemingly unattractive and conceited man died, his daughter, Maria, was utterly overcome with sorrow, and, in the words of Mr. Edgeworth's widow—his fourth wife, by the way—"the rest of that year was blank!"

Maria Edgeworth was born near Oxford in the year 1767, and, except for a short visit at the age of eight, Ireland was an unknown country to her until, in 1782, the Edgeworth family established themselves at Edgeworthstown, in County Longford.

We are told that, being a disappointment to her relations on account of her exceedingly low stature, many exercises were resorted to in order to correct this failing. Among these was the unpleasant and unusual idea of "being swung by the neck to draw out the muscles and so increase the growth!"

Ireland was an exciting place in which to live, when the Edgeworths came to County Longford; and a letter from Maria to a friend seems strangely appropriate to these times not long gone by. "All that I crave for my own part," she wrote, "is that if I am to have my throat cut, it may not be by a man with his face blackened with charcoal." Again, "We laugh and talk and enjoy the good of every day, which is more than sufficient. How long this may last we cannot tell. I am going on in the same old way, writing stories; . . . sitting with my hands before me would not make any of us one degree safer." When the French landed in Killaloe and took part in the famous "Race of Castlebar," there was the wildest excitement in Longford, as the invaders were reported to have marched that way, but they never arrived.

It was considered to be safer for the family to leave their home and to seek protection in the town of Longford, where they had many exciting experiences. The rebels actually visited Edgeworthstown an hour or so after their departure, with the intention of burning the house, but one man among them said that the housekeeper, who was still there, had lent money to his wife when she needed it desperately, and he prevailed upon the others to go away without doing any harm.

The return of the family to their uninjured home is described by Maria Edgeworth as causing the most intense joy to the many cats. "All the cats," she wrote, "crowded round Kitty with congratulatory faces, crawling up her gown, insisting upon caressing and being caressed when she reappeared in the lower regions. Mr. Gilpin's slander against cats as selfish, unfeeling animals is thus refuted by stubborn facts."

"Castle Rackrent" is a book that deals faithfully with that elusive subject, the Irish peasant, and its chief character, Thady (who tells the story), was an old steward well known to the author. In her own words, "his dialect struck me, and his character, and I became so acquainted with it that I could think and speak in it without effort."

This novel met with immediate success.

Hon. Emily Lawless wrote of Castle Rackrent, as standing alone among Miss Edgeworth's books; the writings standing nearest to it, in her opinion, being the author's familiar letters.

Maria Edgeworth seems to have been singularly free from self-conceit, and wrote thus of one of her heroines, Belinda: "I really was so provoked with the cold tameness of that stick and stone, Belinda, that I could have torn the pages in pieces. As the hackney coachman said, 'Mend you; better make another!'" Her description of the motion of a Channel steamer is delightful, when she compares it to the effect caused by a pig scratching itself against the wheel of a carriage in which she sat. One gathers that the sea was mildly choppy, rather than violently agitated.

Among her innumerable friends, Maria Edgeworth numbered Sir Walter Scott and Edward Fitzgerald, and Sidney Smith once said of her: "She does not say witty things, but such a perfume of wit runs through all her conversation as makes it very brilliant."

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LEMON CREAMS.

Ingredients.—Three lemons, half pint cream, one ounce sugar, six pistachio nuts.

Method.—Cut the lemons in half, squeeze from them the juice, wash the rinds in cold water, removing as much of the white as possible, dry in a cloth. Cut enough from each end to make them stand evenly, whip the cream, add the sugar and the juice of one lemon. Put into a forcing bag and fill the cases, making the cream stand high. Sprinkle with chopped pistachio nuts.

ORANGE CREAMS.

Ingredients.—Five tangerines, one ounce sugar, ten drops vanilla essence, one gill cream, six pistachio nuts.

Method.—Remove the rinds carefully to form two little cases with each orange, as in lemon creams, cut up the fruit, and put back into the cases, only half filling them. Sprinkle with sugar, whip the cream, and flavour with sugar and orange juice. Force it into the cases in a pyramid shape, sprinkle with chopped pistachio nuts, serve with ice wafers.

PINEAPPLE SPONGE.

Ingredients.—Half tin pineapple, half ounce gelatine, whites of three eggs, one and a half ounces castor sugar.

Method.—Dissolve the gelatine in the syrup, which should be made up to half pint with water. Cut the pineapple into small pieces, reserving some larger ones for decorating.

Beat the whites to a stiff froth, add the gelatine, which should be cool, and whisk until it is nearly setting; add the sugar and small pieces of pineapple, whisk a moment or two longer. Pile roughly on a glass dish, and decorate with the rest of the pineapple.

FRUIT BLANCMANGE.

Ingredients.—One tin peaches, same quantity of water as syrup, six ounces sugar, one ounce gelatine, one quart milk, essence of vanilla.

Method.—Drain the syrup from the peaches, add the water and four ounces of the sugar. Reduce, put in the peaches, and simmer for ten minutes. Drain, and put syrup and peaches aside separately. Dissolve the gelatine in the milk, add the remainder of the sugar, and flavour. When at the point of setting put a teacupful into a three-pint mould, then a layer of peaches; when set, add more mixture and another layer of peaches; fill the mould in this way. Serve with the syrup poured round.

LEMONADE.

Ingredients.—Three lemons, quarter pound sugar, one quart cold water, ice.

Method.—Pare the lemons thinly, and put the rind into a jar with the water, sugar and lemon juice. Cover, and leave it in a cold place for an hour or so. Strain, and add a few lumps of ice.

ICED COFFEE.

Ingredients.—One pint clear strong coffee, pinch of salt, half pint boiling milk, one gill cream, ice.

Method.—Pour the coffee and the boiling milk into a jug. When quite cold add the cream. Freeze the mixture by standing the jug in a zinc bucket surrounded by ice. Serve in small coffee cups.

MERINGUES.

To every white of egg allow two ounces castor sugar, sifted. Whisk the whites stiffly; gradually whisk in the sugar, continue beating till very stiff. Shape by means of two dessertspoons, dipped in cold water, and put on to paper over a board. To shape like mushrooms, force out with a plain pipe on to paper. Sift castor sugar over top. Bake in a moderate oven about three hours. When quite cold fill with whipped cream and decorate.

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LOANS advanced on own note of hand, city or country. Call or write, W. Watson, 3 Hawkins street, Dublin. 12 19

LADY, starting Dairy and Poultry Farm, Co. Wicklow, desires Partner, sleeping or active; £500 capital. Address "Z 40, Dairy," this office. 8 16

LOANS—The Commercial Union Loan and Discount Co., Ltd., 57 Middle Abbey street, Dublin, grant Loans. Apply to Manager. 26 30

YOUNG man desires Partnership in Small Business (either sex) or position of trust; cash security if required.—D 1773, this office. 29 E

£5 TO £500 Advanced privately on approved personal security of borrower at an extremely low rate of interest; loan can be repaid by small instalments to suit. Call or write for particulars, J. Freeman and Co., 1 Garfield street, Belfast. 26 1

HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS OFFICIALS, SERVANTS, ETC.

POSITIONS VACANT

AT once, 1st class Cook, Junr. Porter, Head Waiter.—Brophy's Hotel Agency, 34 Lower Abbey street.

HOTEL EMPLOYES CONTINUED

A COOK General required for McCormack's Commercial Hotel, Castlerea. Send copies of references and state salary to Mrs. Cahill, Proprietress. 24 B

SUPERIOR Waiter Wanted, absolute T.T., honest; permanent post; excellent chance for right man; live in; full particulars and copies references.—D 1794, this office. 29 E

STEWARD and Stewardess (preferably without family) Wanted for Milltown Golf Club, to live on the premises; liberal terms to suitable applicants. Apply by letter only, giving copies of testimonials, to D 1865, this office. 30 F

WANTED, smart young Woman as Entree Cook in small city Restaurant; state wages required, send copies.—D 1840, this office.

EMPLOYMENT WANTED.

YOUNG Waitress seeks situation, restaurant, hotel, city; highly recommended.—D 1704, this office. E

YOUNG Chambermaid desires situation in good Hotel; good papers.—D 1718, this office. E

YOUNG Waitress seeks situation in hotel; city; good references.—D 1837, this office.

REPRESENTATIVES WANTED.

AGENTS Wanted calling on buyers of Asbestos Sheet, Jointing; good commission; territory allotted. Write Box 505, W. H. Smith and Son, Advertising Agents, Strand House, London, W.C. 2.

DUBLIN Firm requires Agent, with good connection South of Ireland, to carry Woollen Samples and Tailors' Trimmings. Apply, giving full particulars of other lines carried, to D 1807, this office. 30 F

MANUFACTURERS' Agents, representing leading Chocolate and Confectionery House, require a Traveller for city and country; whole time; salary and expenses paid. Reply, stating experience, in confidence, D 1768, this office. 29 C

SALESMAN, of good address, one with resource; must have car; good commission basis.—D 1854, this office.

TO Commission Agents, etc.—Wanted, capable Men to canvass for pupils for old established Commercial School, all districts; generous commission; state territory and references.—D 1845, this office. 30 F

AGENCIES AND SITUATIONS WANTED.

TRAVELLER, working South Eastern journey, is open for good Green Fruit Agency. Address "Z 170, Traveller," this office. 27 D

YOUNG Man, of exemplary character, wishes to hear of vacancy as Traveller, Collector, or any Position of Trust; highest references. Address "Z 219, Traveller," this office.

LEGAL APPOINTMENTS.

BOOKKEEPER, General Assistant (male) Wanted by Dublin Solicitor; state experience, salary, copy reference.—D 1690, this office. 27 D

FIRM of Solicitors in Midlands requires a Solicitor as Assistant or Partner; experienced court work essential; salary and share of profits. Address "Z 225, Assistant," this office. 30 F

SOLICITOR Wanted early in New Year as Assistant in important Southern county town; must have reliable record, with some years' experience; good salary and substantial share of costs, affording exceptional opportunity for energetic man. Address "Z 150, Solicitor," this office. 30 E

WANTED, Managing Clerk; salary offered £5 weekly. Send copies references and full particulars to Alexander Fisher, Solicitor, Newry. 26 E

WANTED, Typist and Shorthand Writer for Solicitor's Office (Dublin); state experience and salary.—D 1693, this office. 27 D

WANTED immediately, Shorthand Typist. Apply, giving references and terms, to undersigned. Imperative have previous experience in solicitors' offices.—Allen H. Morgan, Solicitor, Thurles. 30 D

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

CHEMIST'S Assistant required; R.C.; easy work, short hours; full particulars. Address "Z 214, Assistant," this office. 30 F

CHEMIST'S Assistant, experienced, required, country; age, copies references and salary required. Address "Z 220, Assistant," this office. 30 F

ELASTIC Stockings, 5/6; Knee Caps, 3/6; Anklets, 3/6, best seamless quality; Rupture Trusses, Hot Water Bottles, etc.; catalogue.—Blake's Medical Stores, 20 Fownes' street, off Dame street, Dublin. 24 17

PHARMACEUTICAL Chemist seeks position; long experience; excellent references. Address "Z 122, Chemist," this office. 12 30

QUALIFIED Male Nurse disengaged; good references; distance no obstacle.—D 1702, this office. 29 E

QUALIFIED Chemist, disengaged, seeks position, town or country; highest references. Address "Z 206, Chemist," this office. 29 E

TRAINED Nurse would take Chronic Case, lady or gentleman, or as Nurse Companion, and would housekeep; excellent references.—D 1755, this office.

WANTED, refined, experienced Person, care invalid at night, Rathmines district. Apply, stating lowest terms, R O 1450, Irish Times Branch Office, Rathmines. 30 D

WANTED, kind, cheerful Lady to help with care of invalid daughter, some housework.—Pim, Roscrea. 30 F

YOUNG Attendant, with some knowledge nursing, for invalid lady; good lifter.—D 1863, this office.

TUITIONS AND SCHOLARSHIPS.

ALL Professional and University Prelims, Oral and Correspondence. Success lists free.—McGUIRE'S COLLEGE, Sackville street, Dublin. T

ALL University and Professional Preliminaries—Solicitors, Surgeons, Veterinary, Pharmaceutical Preliminaries, University Entrances; Day, Evening, Correspondence Classes.—W. R. George Breakey, 9 Molesworth street, Dublin. 26 T

FORTHCOMING CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS. Special Classes now working for Clerical (Female), Writing Assistants and Post Office Appointments. Miss REGAN'S CIVIL SERVICE AND COMMERCIAL COLLEGE, 4 and 5 Nassau street.

ASSISTANT Teacher seeks position in a Dublin School; would be willing to act as Substitute.—D 1685, this office. 27 D

ENTRANCE, Term, Degree Examinations, Trinity College—Numerous successes.—Henry French, M.A., 5 Dartmouth square. 28 D

HIGH Class School, England—Gentleman's Daughter (or two sisters or friends) can be received on very advantageous terms as Companions to others; resident mistresses, visiting teachers; most reliable teaching and home care. Address "Z 198, Companions," this office. 29 D

LADY (Catholic) desires post Nursery Governess, Mother's Help, care invalid; Dublin. Address "Z 189, Governess," this office. 29 C

MAKING Life Interesting—for young people of both sexes. Read the Students' Page of the "Weekly Irish Times" to-day. F

NEEDLEWORK, Dressmaking, Embroidery—Classes, Private Lessons, competent Teacher (certificated).—D 1759, this office. 29 E

SHORTHAND, Typewriting, Bookkeeping, etc.—Metropolitan College (Gillespie's), 100 Lower Mount street. 'Phone, 3035.

SHORTHAND, Typewriting—Private Tuitions, mornings, evenings, afternoons; rapid results.—Murphy, 16 Anglesea Way. 12 30

SHORTHAND, Typewriting and Bookkeeping — Individual teaching.—24 South Frederick street. 'Phone, Dublin 3784. T

SECRET Service—A Sensational New Serial Story, "The Wrath to Come," begins to-day in the "Weekly Irish Times." F

"THE Wrath to Come," a Serial Story of Secret Service, begins to-day in the "Weekly Irish Times." F

YOUNG Protestant Nursery Governess seeks resident engagement; interview Dublin.—D 1874, this office.

GOVERNESSES AND TUTORS WANTED

AGENT FOR GOVERNESSES AND SCHOOLS—Miss Bellingham Todd, 5 Grafton st., Dublin. Advises Parents and Managers. Tel. No. 5258. T

FRENCH Governess required, afternoon hours, January, Leeson street district.—101, Irish Times Branch Office, Baggot street Bridge. 29 C

JUNIOR Mistress Wanted, age over 25; salary, £35 res.—Wilmslow College, Cheshire. 27 F

REQUIRED, January, in school near Dublin, Mistress to teach one or both of the following subjects: Botany, Advanced Latin, etc. Address "Z 184, Mistress," this office. 23 C

WANTED, January, Nursery Governess, R.C., two girls, 5 and 3 years. Send particulars to Mrs. Higgins-Healy, Janestown, Carrick-on-Shannon, County Leitrim. 29 E

WANTED, Protestant Teacher for School in Belfast; Southern candidates apply Box No. 1557, Irish Times Branch Office, Belfast. 29 C

TUITIONS CONTINUED.

WANTED, French Master for Dublin School, three days weekly, morning hours. Apply, with credentials, salary expected, D 1778, this office. 30 F

WANTED, Elementary Governess, 10 to 12 daily (girl 10), Rathgar; salary, copies references.—R O 1451, Irish Times Branch Office, Rathmines. 30 F

WANTED, Gentlewoman, R.C., as Nursery Governess; four children; good needlewoman; country place, Midlands; by February 1st. Address "Z 226, Governess," this office. 30 F

EMPLOYMENT WANTED.

AUDITING and Accounting—Young Man, 25, desires position in Accountant's Office early new year; 8 years' experience.—No. 369, Irish Times Branch Office, Blackrock. 29 E

BOOT Trade—Young Man, of good appearance and address, wishes to hear of vacancy; good experience, excellent references. Address "Z 211, Assistant," this office.

COMPANION Housekeeper, nursing experience, Church of Ireland; needlework, excellent testimonials.—G 44, Irish Times Branch Office, Kingstown. 29 E

DRESSMAKER, experienced, wants Work, ladies' house, costumes; good renovator.—D 1762, this office. 29 E

EDUCATED Lady wishes to work with another lady, country, interested in dairy, poultry, garden, music; small salary.—D 1653, this office.

FARMER'S Daughter desires position as Shorthand Typist; no experience; highest references; state salary.—D 1738, this office. 29 C

GENTLEWOMAN, Protestant, seeks post, Companion Help; groom horses, ride and drive, garden, useful indoor; highest references. Address "Z 188, Help," this office. 29 C

GIRL, finished school, 6th Standard, good handwriting, quick figures, seeks Office Work.—D 1803, this office. 29 D

RESPECTABLE Girl wishes Sewing daily; understands Renovating; highly recommended.—D 1839, this office.

SHORTHAND Typist, experienced, seeks position; thoroughly competent; very good references; small salary, progressive.—D 1680, this office. 29 F

SEED Trade—Thoroughly qualified Assistant, all branches, now disengaged; highest references.—D 1674, this office. 27 D

SHORTHAND Typist seeks position; experience motor line; thoroughly competent; very good references.—D 1679, this office. 29 C

SUPERIOR experienced Working Housekeeper disengaged middle of January; thoroughly recommended by past and present employer.—681, Irish Times Branch Office, Bray. 29 E

WANTED, post as Companion Help; thoroughly domesticated, experienced, recommended. Address "Z 205, Help," this office. 29 E

YOUNG Belfast Man (25) wishes to hear of vacancy (in Dublin), Drapery, etc. Address "Z 197, Man," this office. 29 C

MALE SERVANTS WANTED.

GENERAL Indoor Manservant Wanted; Protestant; country; single; state wages and all particulars. Address "Z 215, Man," this office.

HERD Wanted, thoroughly experienced. Send copies of discharges to Estate Agent, Knockdrin Castle, Mullingar. 28 D

TRAPPERS Wanted—Good, all round Men Wanted at once; wages 45/- weekly. Apply Aird, Ballygarth, Drogheda. 30 F

STEWARDS AND GARDENERS WANTED

GARDENER Wanted, Stillorgan district, experienced, young; care cow, generally useful; state wages, outdoor, send copies discharges.—D 1848, this office.

WANTED, experienced Gardener; must know all branches; no need to apply unless good references; wages 50/-; no allowances or lodge.—D 1868, this office.

MALE SERVANTS DISENGAGED.

BOY seeks situation; can ride, schooling; highly recommended. Address "Z 181, Boy," this office. 28 D

FARM Labourer disengaged, desires situation; suburbs preferred; good papers.—D 1720, this office. 29 E

GROOM, long experience hunters and blood stock, breaking young horses; light weight.—Corcoran, Athboy, Meath. 30 F

HERD, married, R.C., seeks situation; experienced man in all duties.—Lynch, Grangeford, Tullow. 28 D

MARRIED Man seeks situation as Dairyman or Yardman; good milker; understands care of cows; can be highly recommended.—D 1765, this office. 29 C

TRAPPING Wanted, weekly or couple; good references. Address "Z 204, Trapping," this office. 29 E

YOUNG Man wishes situation, House or Outdoor Work; handy and useful; recommended.—D 1716, this office. 28 D

YOUNG Man (Protestant) would go as Indoor Servant or would mind invalid gentleman; small wages; go anywhere.—D 1830, this office. 30 D

STEWARDS AND GARDENERS DISENGAGED

GARDENER, hard working, disengaged, experienced; highly recommended; can drive motor or milk if required; married, R.C. Address "Z 175, Gardener," this office. 27 D

GARDENER wants job work, tennis courts, pruning, laying out new or old gardens.—James Hopkins, Edmondstown, Rathfarnham. 30 F

SITUATION required as Working Manager on gentleman's estate; practical in all estate work, farming, forestry, game, etc. Address "Z 221, Manager," this office. 30 X

WANTED, Protestant Nursery Governess; give particulars, copies references and salary required. Address "Z 210, Governess," this office. 30 F

DOMESTICS WANTED.

A RESPECTABLE, steady Girl Wanted to do House-work and some Washing in small house; 10/- weekly; North side; outdoor. Address "Z 234, Girl," this office.

MAID Wanted, R.C., knowledge of housework, to work with house parlourmaid; £20.—Morgan, Crossogue, Thurles. 30 F

PROTESTANT Personal Woman Servant required early January; good needlewoman; well recommended; wheel chair.—D 1685, this office. 27 D

WANTED, Country Girl, strong and willing, to train as General Servant, Rathgar. Copies references to D 1772, this office. 29 E

VACANCIES FOR SERVANTS.

There are many vacancies in the REGISTRY of the "Irish Times" for all classes of Trained and Untrained Servants. Good wages offered. No fees charged. MATRON can recommend comfortable Homes where Servants can stay while waiting for situations. T

COOKS AND DAIRYMAIDS WANTED

COOK General Wanted for 23rd January, where nurse housemaid, one child; country girl preferred; state age, experience, etc. Address "Z 209, Cook," this office. 30 F

COOK General Wanted at once; must be clean, punctual, early riser, good plain cook; Protestant preferred, but R.C. not objected to. Reply, stating age, full particulars and copies of references, to Mrs. Cruttwell, Ardiui, Ashstead, Surrey. 30 D

EXPERIENCED Cook Wanted, Fitzwilliam square; three other maids kept; good wages; send copies.—D 1782, this office. 29 E

EXPERIENCED Cook Wanted, suburbs, £35-£40; kitchenmaid kept; dairy; copies, age.—Hawker's Agency, Limerick.

EXPERIENCED Cook Wanted January 17th; 2 in family; copies, age, wages expected.—Crofton, Ashford, Wicklow. 30 F

GOOD Cook General Wanted immediately.—103, Irish Times Branch Office, Baggot street Bridge. 29 D

GOOD Cook General Wanted; country woman preferred.—Cherrymount, Phibsborough, Dublin.

GOOD Cook Wanted immediately; small dairy; good references essential. Apply Mrs. Jones, Lisnawilly, Dundalk. 30 F

LADY, Irish, Catholic, requires good single-handed Cook, also possibly Housemaid, for London; close to church. Address "Z 187, Cook," this office. 29 E

TWO good Maids Wanted, Cook General and House Parlourmaid, for January 9th; must be highly recommended; two in family.—Mrs. Fenta, 15 Lower Fitzwilliam street. 29 E

VERY Good Cook Wanted for England; Irish servants kept; very good wages. Write, stating experience, age, and Discharges, Mrs. Reid, Buckley, Co. Wicklow. 30 F

WANTED, good Cook General, near Dublin; also ... maids kept.—D 1789, this office. 29 C

DOMESTICS CONTINUED.

WANTED, young Cook General or good Kitchenmaid for Protestant School. Apply Epworth Hall, Winton road, off Leeson Park. 29 C

WANTED, good plain Cook, under 40 years of age, small dairy; no kitchenmaid; 3 in family; good wages to suitable person; must be well recommended; copies of testimonials.—Housekeeper, Greenmount, Clonsilla, Co. Dublin. 30 F

WANTED, young Cook General; early rising and good cooking essential.—14 Hatch street. 30 F

WANTED, experienced young Cook General; house parlourmaid kept; two in family; wages £30; enclose copies.—D 1867, this office. 30 F

WANTED, Cook General; must be good cook, and clean; two in family; two maids kept; send copies, and state wages.—D 1869, this office. 30 F

WANTED (January) for comfortable place, Belfast, young Cook, singlehanded, experienced, where housemaid and parlourmaid kept; late dinner, send copies with application; wages £45.—Lady Henry, 14 Windsor avenue, Belfast. 30 F

YOUNG Cook Wanted for County Dublin; send copies and state wages.—D 1883, this office.

GENERALS WANTED

A YOUNG General Wanted for small family in Bangor, Co. Down. Call, after six o'clock, Glenarm, Howth road, Clontarf. 30 D

CAN lady recommend General Servant for one lady, Portmarnock? send copies.—Hone, Ballymacad, Oldcastle, Co. Meath. 30 F

CAPABLE, experienced General Wanted; outdoor preferred; good wages.—135 Leinster road, Rathmines.

EXPERIENCED young General or Cook General; well recommended. Apply, with references, 118 Stephen's Green, 7 to 8. 28 C

EXPERIENCED General required for small family; no washing; good wages. Send copies, or call to 6 New Brighton, Monkstown.

EXPERIENCED General, highly recommended, required; two in family, Monkstown.—371, Irish Times Branch Office, Blackrock.

GENERAL—Strong Girl Wanted for private boarding house, city; good plain cook; small washing; good home for suitable girl; wages £20.—D 1774, this office. 29 E

GENERAL Wanted immediately, well recommended, three in family. Call before 12, after 6, Royal Bank House, Terenure. 29 C

GENERAL Wanted by single Gentleman (C.I.), country; no farming; wages £20. State age to "Z 231, General," this office.

GOOD General Wanted for four in family, Upper Leeson street.—156, Irish Times Branch Office, Baggot street Bridge.

GENERAL Wanted, young, recommended; small family, Blackrock.—370, Irish Times Branch Office, Blackrock.

SMART General Wanted; good references. Apply 68 Kenilworth square, Rathgar, 6.30-8.30. 29 E

SMART, experienced General Wanted; no cooking.—7 Bloomfield avenue, South Circular road. 29 E

SUPERIOR young General, at once, two in family; comfortable home; must be well recommended. Apply 52 Edenvale road, Ranelagh. 30 D

TERENURE—Young respectable General, daily, 9 to 7.30; washing, cooking, housework; 10/- weekly. Apply, between 7 and 8, bringing references, Miss Scott, Iona, Healthfield road, Terenure. 29 C

WANTED, General; character must bear strictest investigation; very comfortable home; good wages; family two and baby; good plain cook.—R O 1444, Irish Times Branch Office, Rathmines. 28 D

WANTED, good General for 2 Lower Hatch street. 29 E

WANTED, an experienced General; plain cooking, small washing; early riser; £24. Call, after 6.30 p.m., 33 Sydney avenue, Blackrock. 29 E

WANTED immediately, experienced General, young; good plain cook and laundress. Call 5 Fortfield terrace, Upper Rathmines, before one o'clock or after 6 p.m. 29 C

WANTED, two General Maids, go England (Irish family), no children, family three; little washing; send copies, age, present wages. Address "Z 180, Maids," this office. 29 E

WANTED, experienced General; good cook; no washing or scrubbing; good references essential.—6 Eglinton road, Donnybrook. 29 C

WANTED for business house in suburbs, General; good plain cook; comfortable home, good wages.—D 1750, this office. 29 E

WANTED, an active, tidy General Servant for lady and gentleman in Belfast. Address Box No. 1556, Irish Times Branch Office, Belfast. 29 E

WANTED, young General; must be good plain cook.—D 1889, this office. 30 D

WANTED, General; character must bear strictest investigation; comfortable home, family two and baby.—D 1876, this office.

WANTED, capable General, good plain cook and laundress, Ballsbridge. Reply, enclosing copies of references, stating wages required, "Z 232, General," this office.

WANTED, Monkstown, young General Servant, small family; some washing. Apply, with reference, M 36, Irish Times Branch Office, Kingstown.

WANTED, experienced General; good plain cook; must be well recommended; no washing or scrubbing.—Z 31, Irish Times Branch Office, Kingstown. 30 F

WANTED, by Irish family in London, experienced girl as General Maid; must have good references. Address "Z 235, General," this office. 30 D

YOUNG General Wanted; must be nice plain cook; second maid kept.—20 Waterloo road.

HOUSE AND PARLOURMAIDS WANTED.

HOUSE Parlourmaid, young, R.C.; must be well trained and well recommended; small, quiet family.—D 1871, this office. 30 F

HOUSE Parlourmaid Wanted, gentleman's family, Westmeath, young; or good General to train would suit. Address "Z 227, Maid," this office. 30 F

WANTED, 5th January, First and Second House Parlourmaids, fully understanding their duties, and recommended for good service.—D 1686, this office. 27 D

WANTED, near Manchester, middle January, Sisters or Friends as House Parlourmaid and Cook General. Send full particulars, D 1717, this office. 29 E

WANTED, city, first class Parlourmaid, experienced in cleaning silver, carving, valeting; good wages; send copies.—D 1781, this office. 29 E

WANTED, Dublin, doctor's house, House Parlourmaid and Cook General; sisters not objected to; £28; must be experienced.—D 1788, this office. 29 C

WANTED, experienced Housemaid (over 30), part of whose duties are to attend and take out elderly lady (not invalid); good references.—102, Irish Times Branch Office, Baggot street Bridge. 29 D

WANTED, Well Trained House Parlourmaid; country girl preferred; recommended; wages £30.—Mrs. Baswell, Dangan, Carrickmines.

WANTED, House Parlourmaid for Blackrock, experienced, capable girl; good appearance; state age and wages.—D 1830, this office. 29 D

WANTED, 5th January, very experienced Housemaid; send copies references, wages, age.—Mrs. Tyndall, Tynte Park, Dunlavin, Co. Wicklow. 30 F

WANTED, House Parlourmaid for suburbs; wages £24. Apply, sending copies, D 1884, this office.

WANTED for doctor's house in city, Housemaid and Parlourmaid; experienced. Address "Z 233, Housemaid," this office. 30 F

YOUNG House Parlourmaid wishes situation; four years' experience; highly recommended; Dublin preferred. Address "Z 240, Maid," this office. 30 D

NURSES WANTED.

AGENT for NURSES, MAIDS and ATTENDANTS.—Miss Bellingham Todd, 5 Grafton street, Dublin. Interviews daily. Tel. No. 5258. T

NURSE Wanted for baby one year (Dublin); occasionally help in house; state age and send copies references.—D 1754, this office. 29 C

SUPERIOR Girl Wanted, Nurse Housemaid; Foxrock.—D 1775, this office. 29 C

WANTED, early in January, Nurserymaid, R.C., under good nurse; with some experience preferred. Reply, by letter only, enclosing copies of references, Fitzgerald, 65 Lansdowne road. 27 D

WANTED immediately, young Nurse or Children's Maid; nurseries cleaned, no washing; needlewoman. Call 14 Northumberland road.

DOMESTICS DISENGAGED.

AT Mulpeter's, 11 Sth. Ann street—Good Cooks, Cook Generals, Housemaids, Parlourmaids, Generals.

AT Kennedy's, 68 Sackville street—Cooks, R.C.'s, C.I.'s, Generals, Parlour, H.P.'s, H.maids, Kitchenmaids.

RESPECTABLE Girl wishes situation in London; good references; also wishes fare paid; Marrow preferred.—D 1748, this office.

RESPECTABLE middleaged Person, take General Housework, one or two.—D 1847, this office.

THREE experienced Maids wish situations together, Cook Housekeeper, Parlourmaid, and Housemaid; seven years' present place; excellent references; disengaged in January. Address "Z 239, Maids," this office. 30 F

DOMESTICS CONTINUED.

YOUNG Girl wishes Morning Work or couple days a week; well recommended.—105, Irish Times Branch Office, Baggot street Bridge.

SERVANTS' REGISTRY.

HOURS: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for Servants. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. for Ladies. Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

31 WESTMORELAND STREET, DUBLIN. T

COOKS AND DAIRYMAIDS DISENGAGED

COUNTRY Girl desires position, gentlemen farmers or others; good cook; prizes buttermaker, poultry, laundry.—D 1832, this office.

COOK General; good plain cook; city preferred; highly recommended.—D 1725, this office.

DAIRYMAID seeks situation; good buttermaker; holds medal and prizes; understands poultry keeping; highest references.—Potter, Belfield, Stillorgan road, Dublin. 30 D

EXPERIENCED Cook, go Cook General, disengaged January 15th; good discharges; wants £35; town or suburbs.—M., 57 Leinster road, Rathmines.

EXCELLENT Cook, disengaged shortly, also good Cook General London.—Miss Clifford, 5 S. Frederick st.

GOOD Cook, with help; city or suburbs; excellent papers.—D 1810, this office.

GOOD Cook; good bread maker; dairy, fowl; good papers.—D 1824, this office.

GOOD Cook desires situation; small dairy, fowl; excellent papers.—D 1826, this office.

GOOD Plain Cook General wants place small family, South side.—L. C. 40 Ranelagh road, Ranelagh. 30 D

NICE Plain Cook, disengaged; good bread maker; dairy, fowl; suburbs; good papers.—D 1827, this office.

REQUIRED, situation as Cook General, or General in small family.—G 607, Irish Times Branch Office, Kingstown.

GENERALS DISENGAGED

EXPERIENCED General, disengaged; good plain cook; city; highly recommended.—D 1823, this office.

EXCELLENT General; good cook; highly recommended. Seen to-day, 11-1, 24 Main street, Blackrock.

GENERAL, disengaged, seeks situation in small family; highly recommended.—D 1834, this office.

LADY recommends respectable young Girl as General; city, suburbs.—D 1709, this office.

YOUNG General, plain cooking, go Housemaid, small family; recommended.—D 1825, this office.

YOUNG General; plain cooking, small washing; city; satisfactory papers.—D 1833, this office.

YOUNG General; good plain cook; small washing; highly recommended.—D 1835, this office.

HOUSE AND PARLOURMAIDS DISENGAGED

HOUSEMAID or Hall Maid disengaged; city preferred; good papers.—D 1739, this office. 29 E

DOMESTICS CONTINUED

HOUSEMAID, or Irish House Parlourmaid; highly recommended. Address "Z 190, Maid," this office. 29 C

LADY recommends House Parlourmaid; good references; Dublin, suburbs.—No. 368, Irish Times Branch Office, Blackrock. 29 C

YOUNG House Parlourmaid seeks situation; city preferred; highly recommended.—D 1825, this office.

NURSES DISENGAGED

CHILDREN'S Nurse or General seeks situation; city; well recommended.—D 1829, this office.

EXPERIENCED Infants' Nurse disengaged, R.C.—156, Irish Times Branch Office, Ranelagh. 29 C

NURSE, experienced, young; excellent needlewoman; highly recommended; useful.—Mulpeter's Registry, 11 South Ann street.

NURSE—Farmer's Daughter (17) seeks position as Nurse; some experience; splendid recommendation. Address "Z 229, Nurse," this office. 30 E

SUPERIOR experienced Protestant Nurse, disengaged end of January; please state particulars.—R O 1447, Irish Times Branch Office, Rathmines.

THOROUGHLY experienced R.C. Infant's Nurse disengaged January 24; highest reference.—65 Lansdowne road, Dublin. 30 D

YOUNG Girl desires training as Children's Maid; good references.—D 1831, this office.

YOUNG Nurse, R.C., to young children; highly recommended.—D 1836, this office.

MACHINERY.

ACETYLENE Welding Plant Wanted, new or second-hand. Particulars, 4 Sarsfield street.

ELECTRIC Lighting Set, complete, Dynamo, 35 volts, 14 Batteries; cheap.—116 St. Stephen's Green.

FOR Sale, a Wylie 10 h.p. Motor Plow, double furrow; only used for demonstrating purposes. A reasonable offer will be accepted. Address "Z 136, Plow," this office. 22 C

FOR Sale, Hand and Foot Threshers, perfectly new, £12 10/- each; Hand Threshers, perfectly new, £5 each. Address "Z 141, Threshers," this office. 22 C

ONE Hornsby Portable Steam Engine, New Rack Sawbench and Saw, suitable for estate work; Sawing Stakes, Firewood, Pulping and Steaming; selling cheap.—Myers and Son, Birr. 8 24

RANSOMES new Three Furrow Tractor Plough for Sale; what offers?—Thos. Lenehan and Co., 124-5 Capel street, Dublin. 30 F

WANTED, Hay Cutter, suitable for 4 h.p. engine; also baler.—D 1873, this office.

YACHTS, BOATS, ETC.

FOR Sale, Motor Fishing Boat, Carvel built, sleeping accommodation for six men, length 40', beam 14 6", driven by "Kelvin" 26/30 engine, all in good order; any trial or examination; price £375. Address "Z 224, Boat," this office.

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McBirney's Great Annual Winter Sale

Commences To-morrow, 1st January

A Sacrifice had to be made in heavy Winter Goods and it has been done. The mild season left on hands immense stocks of Overcoats, Mantles, Furs, Hosiery, Blankets, Flannels, etc., and in order to clear them unusual Reductions **have been made.** As the cold weather has now set in, this Sale is most opportune for Customers to secure their requirements at **surprise prices.** The goods offered were all purchased for the passing season, and are all fresh and new, **the Reductions** varying from 20 to 50 per cent. Numerous odd items accumulated during the season's trading are being cleared at nominal prices.

Outstanding bargains in all departments.

Costumes

50 Gabardine Costumes, trimmed braid and stitching, Navy, Black, Nigger, Mole, Sale Price 27/6
25 Tailor-Made Gabardine Costumes, belted and band styles. Trimmed braid and silk embroidery. Sale Price 49/6
30 Velveteen Afternoon Frocks, Mole, Nigger, Navy, and Black. Sale Price 17/6
20 Evening Frocks, Satin Brilliant, Crepe, Taffeta, etc. Sale Price 24/6
35 Coat Frocks, Black, Nigger, Mole, Navy, trimmed Oriental stitching. Sale Price 19/6
All Model Costumes, Gowns, and Coat Frocks less than Cost.

Fur Dept.

Coney Seal Coats, short styles. Sale Prices, 8, 6, and .... 4½ GNS.
Short Beaver Coney Coats. Sale Prices, 9, 8, and 7 GNS.
Sable Fitch 2 Skin Choker Ties. Sale Price 2½ GNS.
1 Skin Choker Ties. Sale Price 25/-
Animal Shape Blue Wolf Ties. Sale Price, 5, 3½, and 2½ GNS.
Cross Fox, Skunk, Mongolian, and Sable Fox Ties **Less Than Cost.**

Maids' Department

Girls' Navy Velour Finish Coats, for girls 6 to 17 years. Usual Price, 25/6 to 16/6. Sale Price, 21/- to 13/9
Girls' Black Blanket Cloth Coats, for girls 8 to 12 years. Usual price, 30/-. Sale Price 25/6
Navy Blanket Cloth Coats, to fit girls 7, 10, 14 and 17 years. Usual price, 27/6, 35/6, 39/6 and 45/-. Sale Price, **39/6, 34/6,** 29/6 to 23/9
Girls' Navy Nap Coats, two style collar, with belt, to fit girls 6 to 17 years. Usual price, 17/6, 22/6, 28/6, and 35/6. Sale Price, **29/6, 24/6, 19/6** and 14/6
Fancy Coats. Latest style. Fawn and Brown. Fit girls from 6 to 18 years. 24" At **5 guineas** to 70/-
Reduced 25 per cent.

Girls' Cardigans in Heather Mixture and Self Colours, for Children from 6 to 15 years. Usual Price, 22/- to 14/11. Sale Price, **18/6** to 12/9
Girls' Gabardine Frocks, to fit from 6 to 19 years, in Navy, Fawn, Dark Brown and Cinnamon. Original Prices, 32/6, 37/6, 45/-, 49/6. Sale Price, **42/-, 38/6, 32/6** and 28/6
Girls' Gym. Frocks, to fit from 4 to 17 years. From 17/11 to 7/6. Sale Price from **14/6** to ... 5/11

Mantle Dept.

30 Velour Fur Trimmed Coats, Beaver, Black, and Navy. Sale Price... 29/6
40 Brown Leatherette Coats, Raglan sleeves, belted styles. Sale Price... 17/6
20 Tweed Fur Trimmed Coats, heather mixtures and plaids. Sale Price 39/6
35 Tweed and Cheviot Coats. Sale Price... 16/6
25 Suede Velour Fur Trimmed Coats, Mole, Cinnamon, Beaver, and Black. Sale Price 84/-
35 Black Leatherette Raincoats, trench styles. Sale Price 19/11
Model Coats Reduced Less than Cost Prices.

Furniture Dept.

4 ft. Satin Walnut Bedroom Suite, superior make throughout. Usual Price, £29 10/-. Sale Price £21
Others, 3 ft. £15 15s. 0d. 3 ft. 6 ins. £18 18s. 0d.
Special Full Size Inlaid Mahogany Bedstead. Usual Price, £8 19s. 0d. Sale Price, £4 10 0

7-Piece Sittingroom Suite, Upholstered in Red Velvet or Tapestry. Usual Price, £21 10s. 0d. Sale Price, £16 16 0
Chesterfield Settee and 2 Easy Chairs, beautifully upholstered, drop end to settee. Usual Price, £27. Sale Price, £19 19 0
Diningroom Suite Jacobean Oak, upholstered in Rexine covering. Usual Price £13 13s. 0d. Sale Price £10 10 0
Box Seat Curbs, adjustable to fit any hearth. Antique Brass or copper, covered in best pegamoid. Usual price, 49/6. Sale Price 35/-
Large Selection of Children's Cots, drop side, Polished Walnut. Size 4 ft. x 2 ft. Usual Price, 45/-. Sale Price 35/-

Pure Hair Mattress, full size, 4' 6" x 6' 6". Usual Price, 92/6. Sale Price 75/-

Carpet Dept.

Tapestry Carpet — Special Clearing Line. Size 3 yds. x 2¼ yds. Usual Price, 55/-. Sale Price 39/6
Size 4 yds. x 3 yds. Usual Price 105/-. Sale Price 79/-
Size 4 yds. x 3½ yds. Usual Price, 126/-. Sale Price 99/-
27 ins. Axminster Stair Carpet. Usual Price, 12/9 yd. Sale Price. 9/11
Large Selection of Good Axminster Squares — Size 3½ yds. x 3 yds. Usual Price, £9 9s. 0d. Sale £6 10 0
Size 4 yds. x 3 yds. Usual Price, £10 10s. 0d. Sale £7 10 0
Size 5 yds. x 3½ yds. Usual Price, £21. Sale Price, £16 16 0
Reversible Hearth Rugs, All-Wool. Size 54 ins. x 27 ins. Usual Price, 16/6. Sale Price 12/11
Fancy Twisted Mats, best quality for hard wear. Size 54 ins. x 27 ins. Usual Price, 2/11. Sale Price 2/3
Special Lot of Good Reliable Linoleum, in good rich patterns, width 2 yds. Usual Price 7/6 per yd. Sale Price 5/9

Damask Dept.

100 pieces of Fast Colours Cretonne, suitable for loose covers; width 31 ins. Usual Price, 1/11 yard. Sale Price 1/-
70 pieces of Shadow Tissue, fast colours; width 31 ins. Usual Price, 3/11 yard. Sale Price... 2/6
Special Plain White Casement Cloth, width 36 ins. Usual Price, 1/6 per yard. Sale... 10½d.
Curtain Net, floral design, 52" wide. Usual Price, 1/6½. Sale Price, per yard 1/3
Spot Muslin, for Curtains, etc., 50" wide. Usual Price, 1/9. Sale Price, per yard 1/6
Curtain Net, floral design, 42" wide. Usual Price, 1/1. Sale Price, per yard ... 10½d.
50 pairs of Sundour Chenille Curtains, length 3½ yards. Usual Price, 105/-. Sale 59/-

MUSLINS AND LACE CURTAINS.

Lace Curtains, fine Nottingham lace, neat designs, White or Ivory, 3 yds. long. Sale Price, per pair, ... 9/6
3½ yds. long. Per pair 12/11
Odd Pairs of Curtains, slightly soiled, to be cleared at **Half-Price.**
Satin Stripe Poplinette, Gold, Green and Cream, fast colours; width 50 ins. Usual Price, 6/11 per yard. Sale Price 4/6
Blinds and Window Poles at reduced prices. Estimates free.
Brise-Bise Nets, various patterns, 20" wide. Usual Price, 8d. Sale Price, per yard .... 6d.
Brise-Bise Nets, 26" wide. Usual Price, 1/-. Sale Price, per yard .... 9d.

Household Linen Department

Huckaback Towels, excellent quality for wear; size 19" x 38". Usual Price, each, 1/4. Sale Price, each 1/-
Hemstitched Huckaback Towels, pure linen; size, 23" x 40". Usual Price, each, 2/9. Sale Price, each 1/11
Turkish Towels, in Red and Blue Stripe, full size. Usual Price, each, 1/4. Sale Price, each 1/-
White Turkish Towels; size 20" x 40", best make. Usual Price, each, 2/9. Sale Price, each 2/-
Heavy Crash Roller Towels for hard wear; size, 15" x 90". Usual Price, each, 1/11. Sale Price, each 1/8½
Check Glass Cloths, excellent quality. Size 20" x 29". Usual Price, each, 11½d. Sale Price, each .... 9½d.
Typed Kitchen Rubbers, all Linen, heavy make. Usual Price, each, 1/6½. Sale Price, each 1/2

Bleached Damask Cloths; size, about 2 yards square. Usual Price, each, 12/6. Sale Price, each ... 8/11
Bleached Damask Cloths; size, about 62" x 80". Usual Price, each, 15/6. Sale Price, each 10/6
Bleached Damask Cloths size about 2 yds. x 3 yds. Usual Price, each, 19/6. Sale Price, each ... 14/6

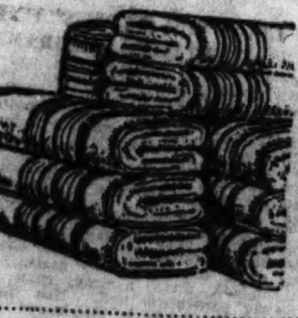
Pillow Cases, Sheets and Calicoes

Special Offer — Superior linen finish Pillow Cases, specially made, with hand-sewn buttonholes. Usual Price, each, 1/11. Sale Price, each ... (1 dozen lots, 17/6.) 1/6
Pillow Cases, buttoned, strong linen finish. Usual Price, 1/3. Sale Price, each... 11½d.
Also in cheaper qualities, clearing at 9d. and .... 6d.
Hemstitched Pillow Cases, best linen finish. Usual Price, 2/11. Sale Price, each 2/6
Flannelette, strong hard-wearing quality, in White, Cream, Pink, Sky, Coral and Scarlet; 36" wide. Usual Price, 1/3½. Sale Price, per yd. 11½d.
Large quantities of Stripe Flannelettes, clearing at 1/-, 9d. and .... 6d.
Pillow Cases, large size, linen finish. Usual Price, each, 1/6. Sale Price, each ... 1/3
Exceptional Offer — Horrockses superior Longcloth. A limited quantity only, 36" wide. Worth 1/3 per yard. Sale Price, per yard .... 9½d.
(1 dozen yards, 9/3.)
Bleached Calico, very heavy make, superior quality, suitable for Pillow and Bolster Cases and all household purposes. Usual Price, 1/3½. Sale Price, per yard 1/1
(1 dozen yds., 12/6.)
Bleached Twill Sheets, for Single Beds. Sale Price, per pair 4/9
Same quality, suitable for Double Beds. Usual Price, per pair, 9/11. Sale Price, per pair 6/11
Pyramid Sheets, bleached Twill; famous for their remarkable durability in hard wear. 2 x 2¾ yds., per pair, 19/6. Sale Price, per pair 15/6
Other sizes reduced in proportion.

Flower Dept.

Large Flowers and Trails, suitable for evening wear. Usual Prices, 10/6, 12/6, 21/-. Sale Price 6/6
Small Flowers and Ostrich Mounts for Evening Gowns. Usual Prices, 5/11 and 3/6. Sale Prices... 2/6 & 1/6
Hair Bands, in Floral and Beaded designs. Usual Prices, 6/11, 3/11, 2/11. Sale Prices, 4/6, 2/6 & 1/6
Four Strand Imitation Osprey. Colours — Black, Navy and Nigger. Usual Price, 6/11. Sale 3/6
Odd lots of Ospreys and Pom-Poms. Usual Prices, 2/6 and 3/6. Sale Price 1/-

Blankets



Witney Blankets, single bed size. Usual Price, per pair, 29/6. Sale Price, per pair 23/6
All Wool Blankets, very superior quality, double bed size. Usual Price, per pair, 39/6. Sale Price, per pair 33/-
Good Down Quilts, Cambric covered, in floral designs, plain sateen panels, single bed size. Sale Price, each 22/6
Good Down Quilts, Cambric covered in floral designs, plain sateen panels, double bed size. Sale Price, each 26/-

Flannel Dept.

Dressing Gown Flannel, heavy make, superior quality, all wool, in newest shades, 30" wide. Usual Price, 4/3. Sale Price, per yard 3/9
Also in 45" wide. Usual Price, 6/6. Sale Price, per yard 5/6
Hundreds of Remnants to be **Cleared Under Cost Price.**
Flannel, Grey or Pink, all wool, specially made for hard wear, 36" wide. Usual Price, per yard, 2/11. Sale Price, per yard 2/6
Indian Twill Wincey, light and warm, suitable for present wear; 30" wide. Usual Price, 2/6. Sale Price, per yard 1/11
Flannel, White or Scarlet, all pure wool, 29" wide. Usual Price, 2/6. Sale Price, per yard ... 2/2

Haberdashery and Needlework Dept.

Bundle of Tape, made up 1 Doz. Pieces; assorted sizes. Usual Selling Price, 1/- per Bundle. Sale Price ... 8½d.
Mohair Boot Laces, extra strong, splendid value. Were 6½d. per doz. Sale Price .... 4½d.
Artificial Jumper Silk, in a rich lustrous finish, splendid for washing. Reduced now during Sale to per ¼lb. Hank 1/11
Books of Linen Buttons, in Plain and 2-Hole. Assorted Sizes. Good value. Per Book .... 7½d.
Ladies' Stocking Suspenders, in a good quality Cotton Elastic, with rubber grip. Exceptional value. Sale Price, per pair .... 5½d.
Cosey Pads, in a good variety of shades. Full size, well filled. Were 1/11 each. Sale Price 1/6
Cushions in Cretonne and other qualities, large sizes and well filled. Usual Selling Price, 5/6 each. Sale Price 3/11

Fancy Dept.

Ladies' Purse Bags, in Crocodile Grain Leather, envelope shape. Regular Price, 9/-. Sale Price 6/3
Attache Cases in Fibre; 14 inches. Sale Price, ... 2/11
Leather Attache Cases, finest quality, 16 inches. Sale Price 12/-
Ladies' Hat Cases, covered in Green Canvas; 18 inches. Sale Price 17/6
Shopping Bags, in Tan Calf. Regular Price, 8/-. Sale Price 4/11
Toilet Brushes, all bristle. Sale Price 2/11
Handsome Brass Flower Pots, large size, 10 inches diameter. Sale Price 13/6
Best quality Sheffield Cutlery Table Knives. Sale Price, per doz. 16/-
Untarnishable Nickel Forks or Spoons. Sale Price, ... 1/3
Nickel Alarm Clocks, guaranteed. Sale Price, ... 3/11
Aluminium Hot-Water Bottles. Sale Price 2/6
Special Perambulators, wired-on tyres. Sale Price 70/-

Ready-to-Wear Clothing

THE LARGEST STOCK EVER OFFERED BY US.

Astounding Bargains in Overcoats and all other Gentlemen's, Youths' and Boys' Clothing.

Owing to the mildness of the weather, few Overcoats were sold before Christmas, and as big Stock remains on hands, it has been decided to sacrifice them. The latter part of the winter will probably be severe, so to provide protection in time come to this Sale and get an Overcoat for practically half price.

150 Overcoats, double breasted, belts at back; Fleeces and Naps. Usual price, 50/-. Sale Price 36/9
200 Overcoats, double breasted, some with whole felt, in Friezes, Grey and Brown Fleeces, etc. Usual price, 60/- and 65/-. Sale Price 46/9
100 Overcoats, Mid and Dark Grey Naps; D.B. Seftons. Usual price, 75/-. Sale Price 56/9
250 Overcoats, all the leading shapes, in Naps, Fleeces, Cheviots, Velours, etc.; D.B. and S.B., belted, etc. Usual prices, 126/-, 105/-, 84/-. Sale Prices, **97/6, 82/6** 63/6
Overcoats—All the highest class goods, beautiful Cloths, silk lined, tailored and finished in highest style. Usual price, 7 and 8 Gns. Sale Price, 6 and .... 5 **Guineas**
Trench Coats, Waterproof, lined fleece interlined rubber. Wonderful bargain. Usual price, 57/6. Sale Price........ 46/9
150 Suits, in Twills, Herringbones, etc. Splendidly made and trimmed. Usual price, 55/- to 65/-. Sale Price........ 42/-
100 Suits, in all Wool Cloths, Saxony and Cheviot Tweeds, Serges, etc. Usual price, 63/-. Sale Price 48/6
All our High Grade Suits Reduced at least 50 per cent.
250 pairs **Trousers,** strong, serviceable tweeds, good patterns. Worth 10/6 and 12/6. Sale Price 7/9
200 **Trousers,** in better class Stripes, Checks, etc. Sale Price 10/9
All our High Grade Trousers Reduced at least 20 per cent.

Youths' and Boys' Department

Hundreds of Overcoats to be Sacrificed.

Boys' Overcoats, double breasted, in Fleeces and Tweeds, to fit boys 6 to 12 years. Usual price, 31/6, 29/6, 27/6. Sale Price, **27/9, 25/9,** 23/9
Boys' Overcoats, double breasted, light and dark Grey Naps; fit boys 6 to 12 years. Usual price, 39/6, 35/6, 33/6. Sale Price, **33/6, 31/6,** 29/6
Youths' Overcoats, with belt, Fleeces and Friezes; to fit boy 12 to 18 years. Usual price, 50/- to 37/6. Sale Price, **44/6** to 32/6
150 Boys' Montrose Suits, assorted tweeds. Worth 30/-. Sale Price........ 17/9
250 Boys' Rugby Suits, good wearing cloths, well-made and trimmed, excellent style. Usual price, 35/-. Sale Price 21/9
Youths' Overcoats, single breasted, Grey Fleece, with velvet collar or self-collar, beautiful quality, 12 to 18 years. Usual price, 105/- to 92/6. Sale Price, **79/6** to 67/6
Boys' Sports Suits, Mid and Dark Tweeds, 7 to 13 years. Usual price, 39/6 to 28/6. Sale Price, **38/6** to 24/6
50 Youths' Suits, in Worsted and Tweeds, 12 to 17 years. Usual price, 75/- to 55/-. Sale Price, **37/6** to 27/6
Youths' Suits, long trousers, in Cheviot Tweed, Saxony Tweeds, and Serges, etc.; 12 to 18 years. Usual price, 75/- to 45/-. Sale Price, **38/6** to... 34/6
All our High Grade Boys' and Youths' Suits Reduced 20 per cent.
Boys' Dressing Gowns, in fleece camel hair Cloth and Tweeds. Sale Price, 27/6, 25/-, **23/6, 21/6** and 19/6
Men's Dressing Gowns, a splendid collection. Sale Price, **49/6, 44/6, 37/6, 32/6, 29/6** and ... 26/6

Woollen Cloth Dept.

54-inch Whipcord Suitings. Regular price, 16/6. Sale Price 12/6
54-inch Irish Cashmere Suitings. Regular price, 16/6. Sale Price... 12/6
54-inch Irish Super Suitings. Regular price, 19/6. Sale Price, 15/11
54-inch Indigo Blue Serges. Regular price, 12/6. Sale Price 9/6
54-inch Cheviot Tweed Suitings. Regular price, 7/6. Sale Price... 4/11
54-inch Angola Tweed Suitings. Regular Price, 8/6. Sale Price 5/11
54-inch Cheviot Tweed Suitings. Regular price, 10/6. Sale Price... 6/11
54-inch Angolo Tweed Suitings. Regular price, 12/6. Sale Price 9/6
54-inch Indigo Serge Suitings. Regular price, 19/6. Sale Price, 15/11
54-inch Black or Blue Vicuna. Regular price, 9/6. Sale Price 6/11
54-inch Irish Fleece Cloth. Regular price, 16/6. Sale Price... 11/9
ALL REMNANTS AT LESS THAN HALF-PRICE.

Men's Hat and Cap Department

Hard Felt Hats, new shapes. Regular prices, 12/6, 10/6, 8/6. Sale Price, **10/6, 8/6** 6/6
Soft Felt Hats, new colourings. Regular prices, 14/6, 11/6, 9/6. Sale Prices, **11/6, 9/6** 7/6
Tweed Golf Caps, leading shapes. Regular prices, 5/6, 4/6, 3/6. Sale Prices, **4/6, 3/6** 2/6
Boys' Tweed or Serge Caps. Regular price, 4/6, 3/6, 2/6. Sale Prices, **3/6, 2/6,** 1/6
Boys' Soft Felt Hats. Regular price, 3/6. Sale Price, ... 2/3
Boys' Nap Man-o'-War Caps. Regular prices, 5/6, 4/6, 3/6. Sale Prices, **4/6, 3/6,** 2/6
SPECIAL.—Soft Felt Hats, new shades and shapes. Regular price, 10/6. Sale Price 4/6

Gent.'s Hosiery

45 Doz. Gents' Ribbed Machine Knit Socks, pure wool, good wearing quality, Irish manufacture, in nice Lovat shades. Regular Price, 1/11. Sale Price, per pair 1/3
30 Doz. Gents' All Wool Socks, machine knit, winter weight, in heather mixtures. Regular Price, 2/6. Sale Price, per pair ... 1/7½
50 Doz. Gents' Black Cashmere Socks, superior quality and perfectly seamless. Regular Price, 2/6. Sale Price, per pair ... 1/7½
30 Doz. Gents' fine Cashmere Socks, nice soft quality, seamless, in pretty shades of Grey, Putty and Tan. Regular Price, 2/6. Sale Price, per pair ... 1/11
15 Doz. Gents' Heavy Knit Golf Hose, with fancy tops, in Grey and Tan. Regular Price, 5/6. Sale Price, per pair ... 3/11
37 Doz. Gents' (men's size) Shetland Lamb's Wool Undervests, guaranteed not to shrink. Regular Price, 7/6. Sale 5/11
Pants, same quality, 6/6 each.

Gentlemen's Shirt Department

Gentlemen's Striped Tunic Shirts, fast colours, best finish, perfect fitting. Regular price, 8/6. Sale Price 5/11
Gentlemen's Ceylonese Striped Day Shirts, best make, neat designs. Regular Price, 8/6. Sale Price 5/11
Gentlemen's Flannel Day Shirts, light ground, neat stripes, perfect fitting, "Shrunk." Regular Price, 12/6. Sale Price 9/11
Gentlemen's Union Flannel Shirts, Mixed Wool and Cotton, fast colours, best finish. Regular Price, 10/6. Sale Price 8/11
Gentlemen's Best Quality All-Wool Flannel Day Shirts, perfect fit and finish. Regular Price, 18/6. Sale Price 12/11
Gentlemen's Ceylonese Pyjama Suits, extra heavy, best cut and finish, unshrinkable. Regular Price, 12/6 per suit. Sale Price 9/11
Gentlemen's Winceyette Pyjama Suits, remarkable value, generously cut. Regular Price, 7/6 per suit. Sale Price 5/6
Gentlemen's All-Wool Pyjama Suits, most comfortable and warm. "Shrunk goods." Regular Price, 27/6 per suit. Sale Price 22/6
Gentlemen's Flannelette Night Shirts, full size. Regular Price, 7/6. Sale Price 5/11
Gentlemen's Collars, all the leading shapes, best finish. Regular Price, 9/6 per dozen. Sale Price 6/11
Immense Variety Gentlemen's Ties, new designs and colours. Regular Price, 2/11. Sale Price. 1/11
Vast Variety Gentlemen's Wide End and Knitted Ties, neat designs. Regular Prices, 1/6 and 1/11. Sale Price .... 10½d.
Boys' and Youths' Shirts in Flannelette, Ceylonese, Oxford and Warm Unshrinkable Flannel, at equally moderate prices. Boys' and Youths' Pyjamas and Night Shirts specially reduced.

Handkerchief Dept.

Ladies' Cotton Handkerchiefs. Sale Price, each **6d., 4½d., 3½d.,** and 2½d.
Ladies' Hemstitched Linen Handkerchiefs. Sale Price, each, 1/-, 10d., 8d., 6½d., and 5½d.
Gents' Hemstitched Lawn Handkerchiefs. Sale Price, each, 10½d., 8d., 6½d., 5½d., and ... 4½d.
Gents' Hemstitched Linen Handkerchiefs. Sale Price, each, 2/6, 2/-, 1/9, 1/4 and 1/-
Ladies' Fancy Coloured Handkerchiefs, very pretty patterns. Sale Price, each, 10d., 8d., 6d., 4½d., and .... 3½d.
Gents' Fancy Coloured Handkerchiefs, in best makes, Sale Price, each, 1/3, 1/-, 10d., 8d., 6d., and .... 4½d.

Glove Dept.

Ladies' and Gentlemen's Natural Rabbit Gloves, warm and to wear. Regular per pair. Sale Price .... Fur Back comfortable price, 12/6 .... 8/11
Gentlemen's Slate and Brown Fabric Gloves, warmly lined, perfect fitting gloves. Regular price, 3/6 per pair. Sale Price 2/6
Gentlemen's Tan Leather Gloves, 1-dome; recommended for hard wear. Regular price, 7/6 per pair. Sale Price 5/11
Immense variety Ladies' and Gentlemen's Gloves at **3/6, 2/11, 1/11,** and 1/6 per pair. **Displayed on Counter.**
Mixed Lot Ladies' Kid and Suede Gloves. Remarkable value. Assorted colours. Regular prices, 4/6, 5/6, and 6/6 per pair. Sale Price 1/11
Ladies' Kid, Suede, Nappa, and Antelope Gloves. Mixed lot qualities and sizes. Regular prices, 6/11, 8/11, and 10/6 per pair. Sale Price 3/11
Mixed Lot Ladies' Kid and Suede Gloves, very special value. Regular prices, 6/6 and 7/6 per pair. Sale Price 2/11
Ladies' Pull-on Natural and White Chamois Gloves, washable, neat fitting. Regular price, 7/11 per pair. Sale Price... 5/11

Umbrella Dept.

Vast variety of Ladies' Umbrellas, crook and straight handles, neatly mounted. Regular prices, 12/6 and 15/6. Sale Price 9/11
Ladies' and Gentlemen's Umbrellas recovered in first-class style at equally moderate prices.

Ladies' Dumpty Umbrellas, best frames, newest handles. Regular Price, 10/6. Sale Price 8/11
Gentlemen's Umbrellas, best frames and handles. Regular prices, 18/6 and 15/6. Sale Prices, **15/6** and 12/6

Silk Dept.

Grenadine Satin, good quality and reliable for hard wear. Colours: Ivory, Sky, Salmon, Amber, Pink, Turq., Jade, Apricot, Putty, Mauve, Jute, Eau-de-Nil, Saxe, Reds, Mole, Beaver, Grey, Cinnamon, Navy and Black. Usually 7/11 per yard. Sale Price..... 5/6
Schappe Crepe-de-Chine, extra heavy quality, in Ivory, Pink, Mauve, and Sky. Double width. Usually 8/11 per yard. Sale Price 5/11
Newest Colours and Designs in Printed Jap. Shantungs, Marocain, and Crepe-de-Chine. Regular Price, 5/6, 6/11, 7/11, 8/11, 10/11, and 14/11. Sale Price, per yard, 12/11, **8/11, 7/11, 6/11,** 5/11 and 3/11
All Silk Remnants will be shown on Silk Counter, and marked down to remarkably low prices to clear.
3 Pieces Jap Schappe, fine quality (Cream colour only), for Washing Frocks, Underwear, etc.; 29 inches wide. Usually 3/3 per yard. Sale Price... 2/6½
500 Yards Lumineux Satin, beautiful rich quality, with a bright finish, so much used for Dance and Party Frocks. Colours: Pink, Lemon, Light Saxe, Cinnamon, Mauve, Electric, Champ., and Sky. Double width. Regular price, 4/11. Sale Price 3/9
Chiffon Velvets, rich quality, all silk pile. Colours include: Golden Brown, Electric, Beaver, Flame, Almond, Green, Mole, Royal, Midbrown, and Black. Regular price, 14/11 and 16/11 per yard. Clearing Sale Price 11/9

BLACK SILKS.

250 Yards Duchesse Mousseline Satin, beautiful soft draping quality; double width. Regular price, 4/11 per yard. Sale Price 3/6½
185 Yards Chiffon Taffetas, all pure Silk. Usually 6/11 per yard. Sale Price, 5/6
2 Pieces of Silk Crepe Marocain, heavy quality. Worth 7/11 yard. Sale Price 5/8
75 Yards Silk Stockinette, fine weave, heavy quality (tubular); 54 inches wide. Regular price, 8/11 per yard. Sale Price... 6/11
120 Yards Silk and Wool Marocain, rich quality, with soft bright finish. Usually 12/11 yard. Price 9/11

Dress Goods

20 Pieces 40 inch All-Wool Check Hopsacks, in Heather Effects. Regular Price, 3/6. Sale Price, per yard 1/11
10 Pieces 40 inch All-Wool Serges, in Almond, Light Saxe, Mole, Nigger, Putty. Regular Price, 3/6. Sale Price, per yard 2/6
5 Pieces 44 inch French All-Wool Poplin for frocks, in Saxe, Rose, Grey, Beaver. Regular Price, 5/6. Sale Price, per yard... 3/11
15 Pieces 54 inch All-Wool Fine French Gabardine, in Tan, Mole, Beaver, Saxe, Almond and Brown. Regular Price, 7/11. Sale Price, per yard 6/6
20 Boxes 22 inch Chiffon Finish Velveteens, in Mole, Purple, Bottle Green, Dark Saxe, Mid-Grey, Navy, and Black. Regular Price, 3/6. Sale Price, per yard 2/4½
10 Pieces 54 inch Heavy French Gabardine, in Nigger, Light Brown, Mid Grey, Beaver, Almond, and Putty. Regular Price, 10/6. Sale Price, per yard 8/6
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All Model Jumpers in Crepe-de-Chine and Blouses selling off Half-Price. Ladies' Overalls and Coveralls Half-Price. Neckwear and Scarves greatly reduced.

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A Job Line of Children's Cream Cashmere Frocks, first size. Usual Prices, 4/6, 6/11, 8/11. Sale Price 1/11
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All Model Hats, in Velvet and Hatters' Plush. Usual Prices, 59/6, 49/6, 42/-. Sale Price 21/-
Ladies' Pull-on Felt Hats, assorted shapes. Usual Price, 6/11. Sale Price. 2/11
Ladies' Stitched Felt Hats. Colours: Only Black and Grey. Usual Price, 8/11. Sale Price. 5/11
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60 dozen Ladies' Pure Wool Black Cashmere Stockings, perfectly seamless, double heels and toes. Regular Price, 2/6 per pair. Sale Price 1/9½
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Ladies' Glace Derby Boots, fair stitched, patent caps, linen lined, medium heels. Usual Price, 21/-. Sale Price 18/6
Gents' Patent Evening Shoe, small toes, in Court and Oxford. Usual Price, 8/9. Sale Price 6/11
Ladies' Camel Hair Turn Down Slippers, Pom, stout leather soles. Usual Price, 4/6. Sale Price ... 3/9
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Gents' Box Calf Derby Boots, welted, linen lined full toe; for hard wear. Usual Price, 19/6. Sale Price 16/9
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7 x 10	8/9
11 x 1	9/9
2 x 5	10/9

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7 x 10	11/6
11 x 1	13/6
2 x 5	15/6
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WIND AND RAIN.

FRILLS WINS IN A CANTER.

F. B. REES'S RECORD.

FROM OUR TRAVELLING CORRESPONDENT.

NEWBURY, Tuesday Night.

It was another afternoon of abominable weather here, a wind of some velocity driving sheets of water hither and thither throughout the day. The going was as sodden and as bad as it could be; yet there was quite a fair number of runners for most of the races. One that did not seem to be at all suited by the heavy conditions underfoot was Lieutenant-Colonel O'Malley-Keyes' Smoke Cloud, whom E. M. Quirke came to ride in the Didcot Handicap Hurdle and claimed the allowance. He lay second to Mile End until they came to the straight, where he dropped back and finished fourth in a field of six runners.

This race was won by Signet, but F. B. Rees had to ride hard t resist the challenge of Hogan on Barrackton Lad and win by a neck. Signet made Rees' 108th winner of the year; for he had previously won the Selling Hurdle in a canter on Frills. Thus, he has still a day to go with a lead of two above Elliot's total on the flat.

Glanmore, who had been disqualified after finishing first at Derby, was made favourite for the Reading Steeplechase, but he evidently found the going too heavy, and, after making all the running, he dropped back in the straight, and was beaten three fences from home. Apple Pie then went on, but he slipped at the last, after which Guidance won comfortably from Master Billie.

Ruddyglow gave Mr. Willie Sankey an easy winning ride in the United Services' Handicap Steeplechase, and was never troubled to beat Libretto. Connolly's Folly was pulled up here. Ruddyglow is a tip-top three-mile 'chaser, of whom I doubt whether the best has been seen yet. An Irish horse in Mr. P. F. Quinlan's Fleecy Wave won the Theale Selling Steeplechase, but he would never have done so had not Butchers on the second, Mask Man, been caught napping when he had the race well in hand. The Stewards afterwards had Butchers up, and accepted his explanation. Fortissimo easily won the Juvenile Hurdle from a big field. This horse, I believe, is now to be put to 'chasing. Syncopate, who had a pull in the weights, was backed against him here, but Fortissimo never gave him a chance.

Drinmond and Test Match can renew two recent contests to-morrow afternoon in the Lambourn Handicap Steeplechase, in which Keep Cool will represent Whitaker instead of Mount Etna. SUPERMAN is a likely runner, and I must give him another chance, and choose him to win here. Prospice has come to run for the Berkshire Hurdle, but I do not know anything of his ability as a jumper. This race may be won by IMPRUDENCE, who has been showing up well recently. The Andover Handicap Steeplechase may fall to DOUBLE CHANCE.

GALTEE MORE.

BETTING FORECAST.

NEWBURY.

1.0 Race—9 to 4 agst. Silvanus, 7 to 2 Graystown, 4 to 1 Cashlie, 5 to 1 Golden Duke, 7 to 1 each Feltham Hill and Blastino, 8 to 1 each Uncertain and Warwick, 10 to 1 each Gilded Spurs and Morecoy, 100 to 8 any other.

1.30 Race—6 to 4 agst. Henry B., 5 to 2 Golden Victory, 4 to 1 Ardgour, 5 to 1 Woolcraft, 7 to 1 Cross Paddy, 8 to 1 each Dunadry and Turmeric, 10 to 1 any other.

2.0 Race—5 to 2 agst. Test Match, 3 to 1 Drinmond, 4 to 1 Super Man, 5 to 1 Keep Cool, 6 to 1 Gam, 7 to 1 St. Bernard, 8 to 1 each Ammonal and Mainsail, 10 to 1 any other.

2.30 Race—Evens Wandering Monk, 3 to 1 agst. Dark David, 9 to 2 Billy Beck, 6 to 1 Up Garryowen, 7 to 1 Lacock, 8 to 1 each Jort and Prospice.

3.0 Race—11 to 4 agst. Reading, 7 to 2 Alopex, 9 to 2 Festoon, 6 to 1 Agincourt, 7 to 1 Double Dahlia, 8 to 1 each Pantagruel II. and Philter, 10 to 1 each Lancing and Antimagic, 100 to 8 each Roi du Ciel and Flown Away, 100 to 7 any other.

3.30 Race—5 to 2 agst. Wild Times, 3 to 1 Lukeston, 9 to 2 Vive, 5 to 1 Double Chance, 7 to 1 each What Luck and Carrolstown, 8 to 1 each Chicago and Indian Gypsy, 10 to 1 French Leave, 100 to 8 any other.

"FORM" HORSES.

NEWBURY.

1. 0—Silvanus.
1.30—Henry B.
2. 0—Super Man.
2.30—Wandering Monk.
3. 0—Reading.
3.30—Lukeston.
DOUBLE—Silvanus (nap) and Reading.

A Student of Form.

SPECIAL SELECTIONS FOR TO-DAY.

Westminster Gazette:—To-day's best — Drinmond. Double—Drinmond and Reading.
Daily News:—Double — Wandering Monk and Lukeston.
Daily Express:—Double — Graystown and Wandering Monk. Safety bet—Wandering Monk (to win).
Daily Mirror:—Double — Feltham Hill (nap) and Ardgour.
Daily Graphic:—Double—Keep Cool (nap) and Clochnaben.

SPORTING PARAGRAPHS.

It is announced in Sydney that a British Association football team will visit Australia in 1925.

Recent additions to G. Bennett's string at Epsom are MacCarthy More, Joe Mack, Sunsong, and Earlestown.

Keror, who won eleven races worth over half a million francs, will commence stud duties in France next season at a fee of 5,000 francs—about £60.

The Committee of the French Steeplechase Society has prepared its programme for next season with a considerable increase in the value of the stakes. In future no race will be worth less than 10,000 francs.

After the Theale Steeplechase at Newbury yesterday, L. Butchers was requested by the Stewards to explain his riding of Mask Man. He admitted that he made a mistake, an explanation which the Stewards accepted.

NEWBURY RESULTS.

1.0—THEALE SELLING HANDICAP 'CHASE, £200. 2 m. 50 yards.
Mr. Quinlan's b. g. FLEECY WAVE, by Wavelet's Pride—Lady Joceline, a, 11-11 ...T. Leader 1
Col. Fairfax's MASK MAN, 9, 12-3 ...L. Butchers 2
Mrs. Wallis's MISS MICAWBER, a, 11-2 ...Stott 3
Also ran—Silken Prince (A. Stubbs), Craggie Rock (Trudgill), Heathencote (W. Gurney), The Saint IV. (L. Rees), Turning Point (W. Parvin), Woodside Lad (K. Piggott), Con Cregan (Owner), Kronstadt (R. Philip). Off 1.1. (Winner trained by Kilalee.)
Betting—3 to 1 agst. Heathencote, 7 to 2 Mask Man, 5 to 1 Con Cregan, 6 to 1 The Saint IV, 10 to 1 FLEECY WAVE or any other.
Won by a length and a half; six lengths. Woodside Lad fell.
The winner was sold to Mr. J. Brown for 240 guineas.

1.30—YATESBURY SELLING HURDLE RACE of 150 sovs. 2 m.
Mr. G. C. Poole's b. m. FRILLS, by King's Proctor—Flittervil, 7, 11-12 ...F. Rees 1
Lord de Broke's ONE GUINEA, 3, 9-12 R. Regan 2
Mr. F. Lambert's ELSON, 7, 12-3 ...A. J. Smith 3
Also ran—Irish Cousin (Mr. C. Aldrey), Victor Noir (W. Smyth), Broken Vow (D. Dick), Thracian (K. Piggott), Kate Hardcastle (J. Waugh), Toiling Tessie (H. East), Magenta (A. Smyth), North View (R. Veal), Ulster Bay (Stott). Off 1.31. (Winner trained by G. Poole.)
Betting—2 to 1 on FRILLS, 6 to 1 each agst. Elson, Magenta and Victor Noir, 100 to 8 any other.
Won by four lengths; ten lengths.
The winner was bought in for 230 guineas.

2.0—READING STEEPLECHASE of 500 sovs. 2 m. 50 yards.
Mr. O. W. Rayner's b. g. GUIDANCE, by Littleton—Guide, 5, 10-8 ...J. East 1
Mr. Parsonage's MASTER BILLIE, 5, 10-8 G. Green 2
Mr. W. Philip's PICTBEEN, 6, 12-0 ...R. Philip 3
Lord Ednam's Glanmore, 4, 11-5 ...F. Rees 0
Mr. M. Weil's Tomahawk, 6, 12-2 J. L'Estrange 0
Mr. Kinahan's Sandalwood, 5, 10-8 ...Trudgill 0
Sir E. Wills's Apple Pie, 5, 10-8 ...Mr. Bisgood 0
Off 2.0. (Winner trained by East.)
Betting—6 to 4 agst. Glanmore, 3 to 1 Master Billie, 5 to 1 Apple Pie, 6 to 1 Tomahawk, 10 to 1 GUIDANCE or any other.
Glanmore led from Apple Pie, Guidance and Master Billie. Tomahawk fell after going half way. Apple Pie took the lead three fences from home, but he fell at the last fence, together with Sandalwood, and Guidance won by three-quarters of a length. Only three finished.

2.30—DIDCOT HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of £250. 2 m.
Mr. Wilmot's b. or br. g. SIGNET, by Hurry On—Symbol, 5, 10-7 ...F. Rees 1
Mr. O'Callaghan's BARRACKTON LAD, 5, 11-10 J. Hogan, jun. 2
Mr. A. H. Boutall's SCAPIN, 5, 11-5 K. Piggott 3
Also ran:—Mile End (A. Smith), Smoke Cloud (E. Quirke), Woolley Bridge (Haddrell). Off 2.31. (Winner trained by G. Poole.)
Betting—6 to 4 agst. SIGNET, 3 to 1 Barrackton Lad, 4 to 1 Smoke Cloud, 7 to 1 Mile End, 10 to 1 any other.
Won by a neck; four lengths.

3.0—UNITED SERVICES' HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 175 sovs. 3 m.
Mr. W. Sankey's br. g. RUDDYGLOW, by Ruddygore (dam's pedigree unknown), 6, 11-11 ...Owner 1
Capt. A. E. Grant's LIBRETTO, 9, 11-12 Mr. Bisgood 2
Mr. R. M'Alpine's WHITE RONALD, a, 11-13 Mr. Ridley 3
Also ran:—Connolly's Folly (Owner), Duke's Enchantment (Owner). Off 3.1. (Winner trained by A. Brown.)
Betting—2 to 1 agst. Libretto, 7 to 2 each RUDDYGLOW and Connolly's Folly, 4 to 1 White Ronald, 10 to 1 Duke's Enchantment.
Won by four lengths; a bad third. Duke's Enchantment fell. Connolly's Folly was pulled up.

3.30—JUVENILE HURDLE RACE of £150. Three years old. 1½ m.
Mr. E. Bates' b. c. FORTISSIMO, by Fort—Smeaton Lady, 11-3 ...F. Wootton 1
Mr. J. Hutton's SYNCOPATE, 10-5 ...F. Rees 2
Mr. Baylis's CLOTH OF GOLD, 11-8 ...T. Leader 3
Also ran:—Mafoota (I. Morgan), Solar Eclipse (A. Smyth), Goldsmith (K. Piggott), Leybourne (Haddrell), Lackey (F. Sargeant), Tretes (Owner), Quentin Durward (V. Piggott), Red Lance (Owner), Survivor (Reardon), Chain Hill (H. East), Nile Prince (H. Cheshire), Cambio (E. Doyle). Off 3.30. (Winner trained by W. Payne.)
Betting—Evens FORTISSIMO, 3 to 1 agst. Syncopate, 10 to 1 each Cloth of Gold and Chain Hill, 100 to 6 any other.
Won by two lengths; four lengths.

TO-DAY'S SELECTIONS.

Though the going is in a very bad state it appears to have little effect on the size of the fields, and some good sport is again promised at Newbury to-day. In the Lambourn Steeplechase I like Drinmond, Test Match, and Keep Cool. The first-named, but for falling, would have won at Kempton on Boxing Day, and strictly on that form he should beat Test Match again. Test Match, however, always runs a better horse on this course, and I shall expect him to win if he can beat Keep Cool, who appears to me to be really well handicapped. He may not, however, be yet at his best, and so Test Match gets my vote. Wandering Monk should win the Berkshire Hurdle, though Tudor King is said to be well fancied. He has little form to recommend him, however, and I prefer Wandering Monk. Selections:—
Wroughton Hurdle—**Feltham Hill.**
Wilts Steeplechase—**Golden Victory.**
Lambourn Steeplechase—**Test Match.**
Berkshire Hurdle—**Wandering Monk.**
Moderate Hurdle—**General Post.**
Andover Steeplechase—**What Luck.**

1.0—WROUGHTON SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of £200. 2 m. Age st. lb.
NONENTITY (Mr. C. Methven) ...Powell 7 11 9
GILDED SPURS (Mr. S. Moore) ...Davey 7 11 8
OUR BILLY (Capt. W. Pepper) ...Hatt 7 10 8
(The above have arrived.)
MILE END (Sir F. Price) ...Hackett 8 12 10
FALSE REPORT (Mr. Holmes) Harrison a 12 3
GOLDEN DUKE (Richardson) E. Doyle 5 11 9
BRUFF BATTLE (5lb. ex.) (Mr. Brown) Brown 6 11 9
PETTY CURY (Mr. Hartigan) C. Young 6 11 7
MANISTER BRIDGE (Mr. F. Parkin) Woodland 10 11 7
VERNEUIL II. (Mr. Higgins) ...Hackett 4 11 6
FELTHAM HILL (Mr. R. Robb) Hulme 6 11 5
UNCERTAIN (Mr. T. A. Edge) ...Smyth 4 11 5
VICTORY SPEECH (F. Benson) Piggott 7 11 4
WOODSIDE LAD (Mrs. Earl) ...Piggott 8 11 4
BABU (Mr. J. Holmes) ...D. Harrison 4 11 4
BLENHEIM (Mr. I. Isaacs) ...Hyams 5 11 1
MYGLYS (Mr. Hugh Peel) ...H. Harrison 5 11 0
RED CITY (Mr. Bartholomew) ...J. Kelly 7 10 12
CHARLWALSH (Mr. A. Law) ...A. Law 10 10 12
BLASTINO (Mr. W. Pearson) H. Turner 6 10 11
WARWICK (Mr. J. Brown) ...W. Payne 10 10 11
GRAYSTOWN (Mr. G. Bennett) Owner 10 10 11
CASHLIE (Sir E. Wills) ...De Winton 7 10 11
EASTERN PRINCE (Mr. Hulme) Hulme 5 10 10
HARTSHEAD (Mr. J. E. Cottrell) Gilbert 4 10 10
POLISSON (Mr. Osmond) ...Larkin 6 10 10
SILVANUS (Mr. C. Reardon) ...Reardon 5 10 7
TRUMPETER (Mr. Kingswell) ...Rayson 5 10 7
MARY SELBY (Mr. Holmes) ...Sheridan 4 10 7
DRINKMORE (Mrs. Hobart) ...Hastings 5 10 5
BACHELOR'S FAVOURITE (Mrs. C. Stevens) ...Stevens 8 10 0
DRINK-LESS (Mr. H. A. Brown) Brown 5 10 0
MORECOY (Mr. C. W. Norman) Newey 11 10 0

1.30—WILTS SELLING STEEPLECHASE of 150 sovs. 2 m. 50 yds. Age. st. lb.
TURMERIC (Major A. Bacon) ...Newey 6 12 3
HENRY B (Mr. B. Fitch) ...Poole 8 11 12
CRAGGIE ROCK (Mr. Hartigan) C. Young 9 11 12
TURNING POINT (Major Methven) Powell 8 11 12
(The above have arrived.)
SILKEN PRINCE (Mrs. D'Arcy Baker) Martin a 12 3
THE HEIR (Capt. Wardell) ...M'Dougal a 12 3
WOOLCRAFT (Mrs. Wiggins) F. Brown 9 12 3
ARDGOUR (Mr. G. Bennett) ...Owner a 11 12
DUNADRY (Mrs. A. Blain) ...Spittle a 11 12
GLENGARRY II. (Mr. Brown) H. Brown a 11 12
MUNSTER MARINE (Mrs. R. Brassey) Anthony 7 11 12
WELTON (Mr. H. Liddell) P. Woodland 9 11 12
HAVE A CARE (Maj. Methven) Powell 9 11 12
GOLDEN VICTORY (Mr. Parrish) Martin 7 11 12
SOUTHERN JOY (Mr. Poole) ...Bennet 9 11 12
CROSS PADDY (Richards) ...Nightingall 9 11 12
NED CARVER (Mr. Tattersall) ...Poole a 11 12
TIM (Mr. J. W. Wood) ...Stanley a 11 12

2.0—LAMBOURN HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 150 sovs. 3 m. Age. st. lb.
DRINMOND (Lord Queenborough) ...Gore 7 11 6
RUDDY GLOW (7lb. ex.) (Mr. Filmer-Sankey) ...H. A. Brown 6 11 4
ST. BERNARD (Mrs. S. Browne) ...Butchers a 10 13
KEEP COOL (Mr. Midwood) ...Whitaker 8 10 12
(The above have arrived.)
TURKEY BUZZARD (Mrs. Hollins) W. Payne a 12 7
CHIN CHIN (Sir F. Price) ...Gilbert a 12 7
BRIGHTS BOY (Lady Edgar) ...Whitaker a 11 11
THE BLEEKA (Mr. McNeill) ...Pyle 7 11 11
CONJUROR II. (Maj. Dewhurst) Hastings a 11 11
SUPER MAN (Mr. Bankier) ...Hastings 9 11 9
COLESTOWN (Mr. Deterding) R. Payne 9 11 7
MOUNT ETNA (Sir E. Edgar) Whitaker 7 11 6
GEM (Major Norris) ...G. Bennett 6 11 6
GRACIOUS GIFT (Mr. Greenon) F. A. Brown 9 11 5
WELTON (Mr. H. Liddell) ...Woodland 9 11 5
AMMONAL (Mr. J. Wood) ...Stanley 7 11 2
POTHEEN (Lord Queenborough) Coulthwaite 9 11 0
MAINSAIL (Mr. S. Wells) ...Woodland 8 10 12
TEST MATCH (Mr. Mosenthal) ...Martin 6 10 11
RED BEE (Maj. Wernher) ...Weatherill 6 10 4
SANTOX (Maj. W. Lloyd) ...Powell 7 10 3
MANDY GATE (Sir R. McAlpine) ...Poole 9 10 0
SILVER SOMME (Mr. Hutton) ...Poole 7 10 0

2.30—BERKSHIRE HURDLE RACE, £500. Second £75, third £25. 2 m.
CLOCHNABEN (Mr. Murray) M'Dougal 6 12 3
UP GARROWEN (Mr. Kershaw) Anthony 4 11 12
PROSPICE (Major D. Dixon) ...Gore 5 10 7
(The above have arrived.)
GENERAL POST (Mr. H. Greville) Smyth 4 12 10
DARK DAVID (Mr. C. Hennessy) M'Kenna 4 12 5
JORT (Lt.-Col. Birkin) ...C. Leader 5 12 3
LAUZUN (Mrs. Boswell) ...Whitaker 6 12 3
PORNOVO (Mrs. Sanday) ...Sanday 5 12 3
HARPENDEN (Mrs. Whitburn) ...Spittle 5 12 3
TUDOR KING (Mr. J. S. Courtauld) Law 4 11 12
BATH OLIVER (Mr. D. Dennis) D. Harrison 4 11 12
JEVINGTON LASS (Mr. Philip) Owner 4 11 12
LACOCK (Sir F. Price) ...Gilbert 4 11 12
IMPRUDENCE (Mrs. Cornelius) ...Larkin 5 11 5
WANDERING MONK (Mr. C. Adams) W. Nightingall 3 10 7
BILLY BECK (Mr. W. L. Green) ...Gwilt 3 10 7
PASHA (Mr. S. Joel) ...Westmorland 3 10 7
PHALCES (Mr. S. Joel) ...Westmorland 3 10 7
MAFOOTA (Mrs. H. Nugent) ...Nugent 3 10 7
ROYAL ARCHER (Mr. O. Rayner) ...East 3 10 7
MORELLO (Mr. W. Read) W. H. Escott 3 10 7
TUTANKHAMEN (Mr. Stobart) J. M. Bell 3 10 7
CLINCH (Mr. S. Wootton) ...Coulthwaite 3 10 7

3.0—MODERATE HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of £175. 2 m. Age. st. lb.
DOUBLE DAHLIA (Mr. Hitchcock) Turner 5 11 3
ALOPEX (Mr. J. Hutton) ...G. Poole 4 10 12
LANCING (Mr. H. Savill) ...Savill 4 10 8
NICATOR (Mr. M. B. Savill) ...Savill 4 10 1
(The above have arrived.)
GENERAL POST (Mr. H. Greville) Smyth 4 12 7
GEORGE DRAKE (Mr. J. G. Thomson) F. A. Brown 6 12 3
START AGAIN (Mr. S. Bennet) S. Bennet 6 12 3
FOREWARNED (Mr. Bankier) ...Hastings 9 11 13
ISLE OF WIGHT (Maj. Eves) W. Payne 5 11 10
GLENSHESK (Capt. Petre) ...Rayson 4 11 9
CROISEUR (Mr. W. F. Larkin) ...Larkin 5 11 9
ROI DU CIEL (Mr. D. Goold) ...F. Archer 5 11 9
AGINCOURT (Mr. Thomson) F. A. Brown 4 11 8
ELFTERION (Miss Shorter) ...Davey 9 11 8
READING (Mr. C. W. Neville) Woodman 6 11 7
PHILTER (Mr. O. Martin Smith) ...Dale 4 11 6
MAY KING (Mrs. Coats) ...M'Dougal 5 11 6
FESTOON (Mr. F. H. Cundell) ...Cundell 4 11 4
KILWINNING (Mrs. H. M'Kenna) M'Kenna 9 11 4
DOWSER (Mr. G. Hooper) ...J. T. Dodd 4 11 4
ANIMATED (Sir E. Wills) ...De Winton 4 11 4
MISTER BLACK (Mr. J. W. Colt) Craven 6 11 3
FERDIA (Miss A. E. Corbett) ...Bullock 7 11 3
LINDHOLM (Mr. J. Mackay) ...Butchers 4 11 3
MARTINIQUE (Mr. D'A. Halford) Law 7 11 1
PANTAGRUEL II. (Mr. Colt) ...Craven 5 11 0
LEARTES (Miss A. M'Kenna) ...M'Kenna 4 11 0
CARRIG LONG (Mr. Power) ...Luby 5 11 0
KINSMAN (Mr. F. W. Weeden) ...Larkin 4 11 0
THE OCK (Mr. J. Cottrell) ...Gilbert 5 11 0
TWENTY-FIRST (Mr. Luscombe) Private 4 11 0
KING THROSTLE (Miss Knight) G. Bennett 8 10 13
YARNTON (Mr. Stratton) ...Martin 5 10 13
ANTIMAGIC (Mr. Osmond) ...Larkin 5 10 13
LEEDS UNITED (Mr. Martin) ...Pope 4 10 13
SPEAR O' WAR (Mr. Bennett) ...Owner 3 10 13
KILLUCAN (Mr. Thorburn) ...Hatt 4 10 12
WINDCOTE (Mr. G. Reed) ...R. Payne 4 10 12
PHAT (Mr. W. G. Knight) ...E. Doyle 5 10 12
FLOWN AWAY (Lt.-Col. Dansey) Faulkner 4 10 11
FLIGHTY (Mrs. Bennett) ...G. Bennett 4 10 10
ROSECOMB (Mr. Sanders) ...M'Kie 4 10 10
DRIVE ON (Sir Alfred Butt) ...Woodland 5 10 9
COUNTER PROPOSITION (Mrs. Stevens) Stevens 3 10 9
RATHLUCK (Lord Londesborough) Private 6 10 8
RIFLE FIRE (Mrs. D'A. Baker) Martin 4 10 8
MARSTON MOOR (Mr. Bankier) Hastings 9 10 7
WHITE HAIRED BOY (Mr. A. Cheer) H. Turner 4 10 5
LIMENIOS (Mr. T. Greenwood) Allden 4 10 5
BARRICO (Mr. S. A. Barry) ...Boucher 5 10 0
SMERDIS (Miss G. M. Yates) Yates 4 10 0
SLEEPING PARTNER (Mr. Parr) Lyall 5 10 0
PIERCING NOTE (Mr. J. Legge) Bletsoe 8 10 0
LITTLE BUTTERCUP (Mr. Fothergill) Clement 3 10 0

3.30—ANDOVER HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 150 sovs. 2 m. 50 yds. Age st. lb.
VIVE (Lt.-Col. Starkey) ...Hastings 9 11 5
DOUBLE CHANCE (Mr. F. Archer) Archer 8 10 10
LUKESTON (Mr. Tattersall) ...Poole a 10 10
INDIAN GYPSY (10lb. ex.) (Mr. H. Deterding) ...R. Payne 5 10 10
LADY ALVEY (Mr. H. Deterding) R. Payne 6 10 7
THE LOUT (Mr. S. Moore) ...Davey 5 10 0
(The above have arrived.)
HOLDCROFT (Mr. Sutton) ...Hastings a 13 6
CHICAGO (Mr. E. Aston) ...E. Doyle 9 11 8
WHAT LUCK (Mr. G. Hyams) Hyams 7 11 7
MR. MADCAP (Mr. C. Jones) Newey 7 11 6
WILD TIMES (Mrs. Crichton) ...Brown 7 11 5
LOVELY BIRD (Mr. Knight) ...Stanley 7 11 2
GLANMORE (Ld. Ednam) ...McDouglas 4 11 1
KNOCKCROGHERY II. (Mr. H. Brown) H. A. Brown a 11 0
GROUND SCOUT (Mr. H. A. Brown) H. A. Brown 6 10 12
CROSS PADDY (Mr. T. Richards) W. Nightingall 9 10 7
CARROLSTOWN (Miss W. Knight) G. Bennett 8 10 6
BALLINVALLEY (Mr. Steel) Whitaker 6 10 5
LAYMAN (Mr. H. Cope) ...Shedden 9 10 5
FRENCH LEAVE (Col. Croft) H. Law 5 10 4
FAIR VIEW (Mr. J. Wood) ...Stanley a 10 4
MISCONDUCT (Maj. Methven) ...Powell 5 10 1
ICEMORE (Mrs. J. Scott) ...J. Scott 8 10 0
ADELEW (Mr. W. Pearson) H. Turner 6 10 0

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS.

NEWBURY MEETING.
Andover Steeplechase—Arduous.
Reading Steeplechase—Yorick.
Berkshire Hurdle—Fiddle Pen.
Moderate Handicap—Mircyl, Montague, Azimuth.
Didcot Handicap—Charlie Wise.
Lambourn Handicap Steeplechase—Tom Crow.

MISCELLANEOUS.
Cotswold Steeplechase, National Hunt Meeting, Cheltenham—Assaroe.
January Handicap Steeplechase, Manchester—Carrolstown, Arduous.
Canal Steeplechase, Manchester—Yorick.
Manchester Handicap Steeplechase—My Royal.
Mitre Handicap Steeplechase, Hurst Park—Tom Crow.
Highfield Handicap Steeplechase, Birmingham—St. George III.
Portslade Selling Handicap, Plumpton—Craggie Rock.
Four-Year-Old Handicap, Plumpton—Spigot Lodge.
All engagements under N.H. Rules—Sternlight, Lembach.
All engagements in Mr. J. Hartley's name—Bold Buck.
All published handicaps—Flighty, Espino, Boult.
All engagements—Eastern Princess, Joyeux Drille, Verenis, Ormy, Phigas, Ferralos, Laodice.

BALDOYLE RACES,

NEW YEAR MEETING,
TO-MORROW (THURSDAY).
First Race 1.15.

TRAIN ARRANGEMENTS.—Trains for Sutton will leave Amiens street at 11.40 a.m. (ordinary), 12 noon (special), and 12.30 (if required). Return fares:—2/6, 2/- and 1/6.

MEMBERS' ANNUAL BADGES

for 1925 can be had at the Secretary's Office, 63 Dawson street, Dublin.
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"B" Badge, £7, admits One Gentleman and Two Ladies.

These Badges obtain admission to all Stands, Enclosures, etc., and are available for all Race Meetings held at Baldoyle during 1925 (ten days' racing).

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Do.	Lady	7s. 6d.
Grand Stand,	Gentleman......	15s. 0d.
Do.	Lady.........	5s. 0d.
Reserved Motor Enclosure.........		10s. 0d.

Ladies' entrance to Grand Stand between 15/- turnstiles and Reserved Motor Enclosure.
Admission tickets for all Stands can also be had at Ticket Box in Reserved Motor Enclosure.
Note: Extra accommodation has been provided for motors in new enclosure adjoining sea front entrance to People's Park at a charge of 5/- per car.
—(Advt.)

POLO.

THE INDIAN CHAMPIONSHIP.

CALCUTTA, Tuesday.

The match for the championship of the Indian Polo Association between the Jodhpur team and the Cavalry School, Saugor, has been won by the former with a score of 9 goals to 5. The Jodhpur team will visit England in March.

HUNTING.

HUNTING APPOINTMENTS.

THE WARD UNION.

December. Meet. Hour.
To-day .... Flathouse 1.30
January.
Saturday, 3rd .... Donaghmore X Roads 1.30

THE KILDARE.

January.
Thursday, 1st .... Dollardstown Gate... 11. 0
Saturday, 3rd .... Enfield 11. 0

THE MEATH.

January.
Friday, 2nd .... Kilmoon 11. 0
Saturday, 3rd .... Brittas 11. 0

THE TIPPERARY FOXHOUNDS.

A BRILLIANT RUN.

The dog pack led by Mr. La Terriere, M.F.H., met in Fethard on Christmas Eve and proceeded to Rocklow, which was reported to be well stocked with foxes. After carefully drawing it, hounds had left, when Miss Cliborn fortunately saw one leaving by the river bank, and picking up the line we quickly crossed the stream and ran fast for ten minutes to ground in Derryluskin. Now our favourite covert, Power's Wood, was near hand and provided one of the greyhound type of fox which are seldom killed or go to ground, and run so straight that hounds are never at fault, and it is most difficult to live with the flying pack. Going away on the north side towards Moburnaul he turned right-handed at the forge near the cross, and faced *via* Curratarsna for Farrinateen Station. Crossing the road near Lloyd's Furze he went on through a perfect country to Moanverrin and along by the G.S. and W. railway, and leaving Knockinglass village on the right ran straight to the foot of Buffana Hill. Avoiding the wood he went on by Knockforla Hill and turning left into Mr. Murphy's farm at Foulkstown, through Woodhouse and into Moburnaul Wood at 1.30, when what was left—an exhausted half-dozen—out of a big field were pleased to see this great fox save his life. The distance, as hounds ran, was 13 miles, and the time one hour six minutes, and not a strand of wire was seen and only two ploughed fields.

BRAY HARRIERS.—January—Saturday, 3rd, Kilruddery (presentation to Frank Byrne); Wednesday, 7th, Greystones; Saturday, 10th, Shankill; Wednesday, 14th, Powerscourt Arms (Calary); Saturday, 17th, Cabinteely; Wednesday, 21st, Delgany; Saturday, 24th, Crumlin Cross-Roads; Wednesday, 28th, Tittour. At 1.30.

THE ISLAND HOUNDS.—January—Saturday, 3rd, Clohamon; Tuesday, 6th, Gorey; Friday, 9th, The Island; Monday, 12th, Clogh; Thursday, 15th, Munfin; Saturday, 17th, Clone; Tuesday, 20th, Ballyedmond Cross-roads; Friday, 23rd, Ferns; Tuesday, 27th, Monaseed; Friday, 30th, Clondaw. Meet at 11 o'clock.

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THE GALWAY BLAZERS.

ANNUAL HUNT BALL REVIVED.

The revived annual ball of the County Galway Hunt (the famous Blazers), at the Railway Hotel, Galway, on Monday night, was a brilliant affair. The last annual ball was held in 1914.

The one hundred and sixty guests included visitors from distant Irish hunts and from a few cross-Channel hunt clubs. Almost half the men present wore red coats, and these, coupled with the scheme of decoration of the Railway Hotel and the beautiful dresses of the ladies, added much to the animation of the scene. A new maple floor had been laid in the ballroom. Supper was served in the dining hall downstairs.

The principal worker was Mr. R. F. Joyce, the Honorary Secretary of the Club, and coupled with him were Lord Essex, the M.F.H.; Colonel Grattan Bellew, Mr. Nicholas O'Connell Comyn, and Dr. Daniel Comyn, solicitor.

Amongst the guests were:—Lord Essex, M.F.H.; Mr. Heasman, Assistant M.F.H.; Mr. and Miss N. O'C. Comyn, Ballinderry, Kilconnell; Colonel and Mrs. Grattan Bellew and the Misses Grattan Bellew; Mr. D. Comyn, LL.D., solicitor; General Lewin, Clones; the Misses Howie (2); Mr. John J. Blake and Mrs. Blake, Ballyglunin; Mr. James D'Arcy, New Forest, Secretary to the Co. Galway Hunt, Mrs. D'Arcy, and Miss D'Arcy; Mr. C. F. O'Rourke, Mrs. O'Rourke, and Miss O'Rourke; Mr. Raoul Joyce, Mrs. Joyce and Miss Joyce, Glenina; Mr. R. F. Joyce and Mrs. Joyce, Quarry House, Galway; Colonel and Mrs. Cross, Weir House, Galway; Mr. and Mrs. Waithman; Mr. Walter Gordon Seymour; Mr. Harold Nash and Miss Nash, Limerick; Mr. Patrick Sarsfield, Dublin; Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Sandys; the Messrs. Mahon, Nile Lodge; Mrs. Croft; Mr. Douglas Previte; Mr. H. Pavor Evins, Bank of Ireland; Mrs. Mulhall; Mr. O'Neill Power; Mr. Lushington Tullock; Mr. Ormsby, Mr. and Miss Miller, Dalysfort, Salthill; Professor A. Eraut and Miss Eraut; Mr. Gus. Kelly, Roscommon; Mr. T. MacD. Kelly, M.R.C.V.S., Athenry, and Mrs. Kelly; Mr. C. K. Kerin, Oranmore; Major and Mrs. Holmes, The Crescent; Mr. Hal Macdermot, K.C.; Mr. P. J. Boland, M.A., Glenarde, and the Misses Boland; Mr. Edmund Mahony, Irish Guards, and Mr. Geoffrey Mahony, and the Misses Mahony, Barfield, Salthill; the Misses Blake Kelly; Mrs. Mills MacDonnell; Mr. E. A. Power, solicitor, Castlebar; Mr. Eddie Lavelle and Miss Lavelle, Galway; Mr. O'Toole, Loughrea; Mr. J. O'Kelly-Lynch; Mr. J. G. Gamble, Irish Land Commission, and Mrs. Gamble, Lower Salthill.

Dancing was kept up till seven a.m. The music was supplied by the Adelaide Orpheus Band.

HOCKEY.

LEINSTER LADIES' UNION.

A CURTAILED PROGRAMME.

Owing to the continual rain and consequent heavy grounds most of Saturday's fixtures were abandoned. However, Optimists and Muckross met at L.C.C., Rathmines, when Optimists won by 3 goals to 2. The field was not really fit to play on, looking more like a swamp than a hockey field. As might be expected, the game was not up to a high standard, but play was very keen. Optimists were playing subs for Miss D. Perrin at left wing, and Miss D. Cleary at right inside.

The Optimists' goal-keeper, Miss J. Goodbody, was splendid. She was largely responsible for the fact that Muckross did not score oftener, as time and again she saved likely goals. Miss Wilson, at full-back, played a steady game, tackling and clearing particularly well. Miss Hanna was the pick of the halves in attack and defence. She never tired from start to finish, and was always in the thick of things, while Miss N. Mooney (centre-half) was reliable. Miss M. O'Kelly (right wing), who usually plays goal for the second XI., opened the scoring for Optimists, and, considering the fact that she was out of her place, she played a good game. Miss D. Goodbody (left-inside) was very sound and hard-working all through. She combined well with Miss C. Dunn (centre-forward), who shot two good goals.

For Muckross, Miss Magee (goal) saved her side on several occasions. Miss Hogan (full) was again the best back on the side. So far Miss Hogan has never been selected in interprovincial or international trials, but on her form this season she might well be included in the coming matches. At left-half, Miss M. McGloughlin played a clever game, and was distinctly unlucky not to score during the second half. Miss E. McGloughlin (centre-half) was sound, her marking of Miss Dunn being good. The forwards all worked very well. It was only the sound Optimists' defence that prevented them from scoring more than two goals. Miss O'Gorman (right wing) used all her chances to the best advantage, while Miss M. Kelly (right-inside) made some splendid attempts to score. Miss A. Kelly (left-inside) started several fine forward movements and netted a very good goal in the first half. From a scuffle in the goal mouth, Miss Lowndes (centre-forward) scored the second.

Old College travelled a weak team down to Athy, for a club match, and just managed to win by 4 goals to 3. Miss Porter, who was the only one of the regular forwards playing, was responsible for three, while Miss Joynt scored the remaining goal. Miss Cooner (right-half) played a fine game for College. The Athy centre-forward was the outstanding player on the home side and scored all three goals.

BRAY ROVERS v. MR. G. V. S. IRELAND'S XI.—Bray, 2.30 p.m. Mr. G. V. S. Ireland's XI.—T. R. Pike; W. Crawford, D. Moran; L. S. Phillips, C. J. Fielder (captain), J. P. Pigot, R. P. MacGarrigle, A. "Sticks," E. W. Winder, C. F. Cook, W. E. Acheson.

COURSING.

FINE TRIALS AT TRIM.

The Trim Club were very unfortunate yesterday. There was an ample supply of stout hares on the preserves at Laracor, but the storm of Monday night scattered them in all directions, and mostly on foot the beaters had an extremely difficult task; in fact, they were greatly hampered by the conditions generally, for lying on the big flats here and there were large pools of water, while the ground and the gaps were very heavy.

The result was that progress was tediously slow, and that long divisions became inevitable, but what coursing there was was of the highest class. Indeed, there was only one short run, and that at the end of the day, the hares being regular stags, and standing up in great style.

The star performers were in the Ilex Stakes, which were divided between Aurora, Smiling Bess, That's That and Iract Isle. Smiling Bess, a sister to Scarlet and Silk, ran her hares artistically, but she may have been lucky to get the verdict over Wee Connie after being led two lengths and losing the first couple of turns, a heavy fall putting Wee Connie out of it when she looked like achieving an easy victory. Likewise, many regarded That's That as fortunate in her spin with Grandy, who had all the best of the beginning of it, but it may have happened that when they went from view of the spectators Mr. Gowing's greyhound died away to nothing, otherwise That's That must have been well outcounted.

The truest runner at the meeting was Iract Isle, the Hill of Down dog giving convincing displays in each course, and handling his game after the style of a nailing good greyhound. Niblock, Double K., All's Well and Lento put up creditable performances in the Puppy Stakes, but Irish Freedom, which was put out in his first essay by Nyusa, was unlucky, the black always having the foot of the latter when they went from the view of the judge behind a fence and into the field in front of the crowd.

Judge—Mr. M. Walsh. Slipper—M. Horan.

BEERMOUNT STAKES—For 16 puppies. Winner £16, second £6, two dogs £2 each.
Mr. T. Coleman's Niblock beat Mr. M. Keane's Glance's Delight.
Miss A. Hope-Johnstone's Commandant Vine beat Mr. Gelsinan's Great Adventure.
Mr. J. J. Flanagan's Full Freedom beat Mr. M. Keane's Schoolboy.
Mr. P. Flynn's Double K. beat Mr. J. Bruton's Beaming Lad.
Mrs. Aherne's All's Well beat Mr. J. Martin's Merry Laugh.
Miss Niblock's Nyusa beat Mr. M. Murphy's Irish Freedom.
Mr. T. Griffin's Griffinstown Boy beat Mr. E. Flynn's Dev.
Mr. J. J. Long's Lento beat Mr. J. Young's Chanticleer.

II.
Niblock beat Commandant Vine.
Double K. beat Full Freedom.
All's Well beat Nyusa.
Lento beat Griffinstown Boy.

Bk. b. Niblock (The Old Firm—Fighting Girl), bd. d. Double K. (Kaiser II.—Keen Girl II.), be. d. All's Well (Carrigathon—Actress III.) and bd. d. Lento (Kaiser II.—Ballinaskea) divided.

ILEX STAKES—For 16 all-ages. Winner £25, second £11, two dogs £3 each.
Mr. T. Weir's Wee Speed beat Mr. T. Sherry's Commandant McKeon.
Miss McDonald's Aurora beat Mr. W. Dempsey's Bawn Og.
Mr. J. Clynes's Smiling Bess beat Mr. W. Duffy's Wee Connie.
Mr. J. Dunne's Silver Harp beat Mr. M. Nugent's No Change.
Mr. T. O'Neill's O.C. beat Mr. P. A. Considine's Flying Lill.
Mr. J. E. Corcoran's That's That beat Mr. J. Gowing's Grandy.
Mr. G. Irwin's Iract Isle beat Mr. M. Kiernan's Prairie Blossom.
Mr. J. Barry's Glorious Belle beat Mr. G. Yeates's Column Dodger.

II.
Aurora beat Wee Speed.
Smiling Bess beat Silver Harp.
That's That beat O.C.
Iract Isle beat Glorious Belle.

Bd. Aurora (Evador—Tiny Queen), f. r. b. Smiling Bess (Victorious Ally—Kitty Larkin), bd. b. Thats' That (Full Speed—Ah! What), and fr. d. Iract Isle (Kaiser II.—Daisy XVIII.) divided.

UMBERSTOWN STAKES—For 16 all-ages. Winner £16, second £6, two dogs £2 each.
Mr. J. Young's Hannibal beat Mr. M. Kelleghan's Merry Might.
Mr. P. Conan's Clotted Cream beat Mr. J. Halpenny's Half Wing.
Mr. J. Crowley's Shaunkree beat Mr. O. Doherty's Oldcastle Brigade.
Mr. G. Daly's Forelore beat Mr. E. J. Burke's Beauty's Daughter.
Mr. J. Smith's Our Bomb beat Mr. T. Carroll's O.B.U.
Mrs. T. Ahearne's Another Dail, absent.
Mrs. J. Scott's High Born, a bye.
Mr. J. Stone's Wind Up beat Mr. J. Barrington's Irish Mot.
Mr. J. Hope's Strange Star beat Mr. M. Ryan's Honey Spinner.
Stakes divided.

GOLF.

ENGLISH UNION'S FIRST CHAMPIONSHIP.

It has been definitely decided to play the first English Close Championship on the course of the Royal Liverpool Club, at Hoylake, during the week commencing April 20th, 1925. No person is eligible to enter for the championship unless (a) he is a person of amateur status, as defined by the Royal and Ancient Club of St. Andrews; (b) he is a British subject, and was either himself born in England or is the son of parents, one of whom was born in England; (c) he is in possession of a national handicap, fixed by the Royal and Ancient Club, not in excess of 5.

No person who has played for Scotland, Ireland, or Wales, in their International team, or competed in the Close Championships of these countries after January 1st, 1925, shall be eligible to compete in the English Close Championship.

The championship shall be by match play, each to be over 18 holes, except the final, which shall be over 36 holes. The number of entries shall be limited to 128, and, if there are any entries in excess of that number, those having a higher handicap shall play off for the available place in a manner to be decided by the Executive Committee.

THE GLENEAGLES TOURNAMENT.

The Gleneagles Tournament—prize money of 1,000 guineas, presented by the *Glasgow Herald*—has been fixed to take place at Gleneagles in the week commencing June 29 and will conclude on July 4. As the tournament will immediately follow the Open Championship, the leading home and overseas professionals will have every opportunity of competing in it, and a large American entry is anticipated. As in previous years, a stroke competition will be decided to qualify players for the match-play stages.

RATHFARNHAM.—Saturday next—Postponed monthly medal.

DELGANY.—St. Stephen's Day, Sweepstakes—W. Mooney (15), 1 down.

RUGBY.

IRELAND V. FRANCE.

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

LONDON, Tuesday Night.

The Leinster members of the Irish team to play France at Paris on New Year's Day were fortunate to have a good crossing on the first part of their journey. Following the storm of Monday night, the wind dropped early this morning, and the passage from Kingstown to Holyhead was made in comparatively smooth water. The Northern members, who crossed *via* Fleetwood and joined the others at Euston Station Hotel, had not so pleasant an experience, but, though running into bad weather, none of them suffered any ill effects.

The party, which was joined to-night by C. F. Hallaran and H. W. Stephenson, resume the journey to-morrow morning, leaving Victoria at 9 a.m. and travelling *via* Folkestone and Boulogne to Paris, which will be reached at 4 p.m. D. J. Cussen (Dublin University), back, and W. F. Browne (United Services), forward, travelled as substitutes. At Paris the team will make the Hotel de Louvre their headquarters.

The Scottish Rugby Union will nominate the referee.

ENGLAND V. NEW ZEALAND.

The following is the New Zealand team v. England at Twickenham on Saturday:—G. Nepia; J. Steel, A. E. Cooke, K. S. Svenson; M. F. Nicholls, N. P. M'Gregor; J. Mill, J. H. Parker; J. Richardson, A. White, C. Brownlie, R. R. Masters, M. J. Brownlie, W. R. Irvine, Q. Donald.

WANDERERS v. ENNISCORTHY.—This match, which was to have taken place at Enniscorthy to-morrow, has been cancelled, owing to the Enniscorthy ground being unplayable.

The following will represent Belvedere College (S.C.T.) *v.* Monkstown 3rd to-day at Jones's road, at 2.45 p.m.:—G. Mulcahy; M. Roche, V. McAllister, D. C. Morris, D. J. O'Connor; J. R. H. O'Donoghue, D. Hickey; P. C. Tighe, N. J. McAnley, E. G. Crosby, H. V. A. Tighe, C. P. Crean, W. Scott, J. McGrath, T. J. Flood.

SWISS WINTER SOPRTS.

INTERLAKEN, Tuesday.

The first important ski race to be held at Grindelwald this season took place to-day, starting from the Great Sheidegg Pass. There were fifty entries, and perfect "powder snow" made good times possible. Miss M. Mackworth was first and Mr. J. Perry second from among the first class entrants, while from the second class competitors Miss S. Cranton and Mr. H. Cranton were, respectively, first and second.

Among the arrivals at Murren are Sir Claud and Lady Schuster and Mr. William Le Queux. The Duke and Duchess of Hamilton and the Marquis of Clydesdale have arrived at Gstaad.

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BILLIARDS.

NEWMAN v. SMITH.

The champion developed his best form when the match between him and Smith was continued at Manchester yesterday afternoon. He obtained his sessional points in his complete innings, while Smith scored only 111. Newman opened with 99, and after 111 by Smith went to points with a great 513 (unfinished). Interval scores:—Newman (in play), 2,001; Smith, 1,305.

At night Smith scored 1,004 to 550, and materially reduced his arrears. He made two fine breaks of 477 and 308, while Newman's best were 550, 139, 144 and 51 (unfinished). Closing scores:—Newman (in play), 2,551; Smith, 2,309.

McCONACHY v. DAVIS.

Young Davis, of Chesterfield, showed splendid form at Burroughes' Hall, London, yesterday afternoon in his match with McConachy, the New Zealand champion, and scored 799 to McConachy's 535. Davis, who finished up 67 behind schedule, made breaks of 162, 232, 71 and 190, while McConachy's best were 76, 68, 67 and 86. Interval scores:—Davis (rec. 1,500), 3,308; McConachy, 1,910.

Davis played brilliantly at night, and reached his points in less than an hour. He scored 693, and averaged 138, while McConachy totalled only 46 for an average of 9. Davis's breaks were 157, 434 and 50 (unfinished). Closing scores:—Davis (rec. 1,500) (in play), 4,001; McConachy, 1,956.

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THE GAME IN AMERICA.

NEW YORK (By Mail).

Pamphlets distributed among members of the Westside Tennis Club at Forest Hills, Long Island, indicate that the Stadium erected to cater for national and international championship matches, said to have cost 275,000 dollars, is regarded by several members as a "bad investment."

The publication of facts and figures regarding the enterprise comprised part of a plea for drastic action to reduce the indebtedness of the club, reported to be 165,000 dollars. Originally, it is contended, the building agreement called for 150,000 dollars, which was to be furnished through the sale of 1,500 of the best seats for ten years at 100 dollars each.

Six names are signed to the pamphlet. One of the members of the protesting committee, which opposes the re-election of three members of the governing board, said that this action should not be construed as indicating that the club is in financial difficulty.

The proposed new amateur rule of the United States Lawn Tennis Association, governing activities of player-writers, has been unanimously adopted by the Executive Committee of the U.S.L.T.A. The new rule, drafted by a special committee, contains four highly important provisions which definitely limit the activities of players who write for pecuniary benefit.

Before the measure can be enforced it must be presented to the Association at its annual meeting, and a two-thirds favourable vote obtained. This, however, is almost a certainty, tennis officials say, in view of the unanimous sanction given the measure by the Executive Committee.

The new rule, adopted as a compromise measure, clarified the player-writer situation, and leaves no doubt as to the limits to which a player-writer can go. The four provisions which are considered most important are:—

"A person will be considered to have forfeited his amateur status by committing any of the following acts:—

"(a) By permitting or sanctioning the taking of tennis action motion pictures of himself, and receiving remuneration in connection therewith.

"(b) By permitting or sanctioning his name to be advertised as the author of books or articles on tennis of which he is not actually the author, or by receiving payment or consideration for commensurate services which he does not actually render.

"(c) By using or sanctioning, after February, 1925, the use of his titles or statement of his reputation, won on the tennis courts, in connection with books, newspaper, magazine, or other written articles, motion pictures of himself, lectures, or radio talks for which he is to receive any payment or compensation.

"(d) By writing for pay or for a consideration current newspaper articles covering a tournament or match in which he is entered as a competitor."

CROSS-COUNTRY.

CITY AND SUBURBAN HARRIERS.

Run this evening from Croydon Park House, Fairview. All members meet at Fairview avenue at 8 o'clock sharp. Visitors invited.

A MONSTER AERODROME.

The Croydon Aerodrome extension and improvement scheme will cost approximately £225,000.

The scheme includes the building of a new set of central offices, a large hotel, and a 60ft. tower, from which the traffic officers can direct arriving and departing machines, and the addition to the present flying ground of a large area of land on the west side of Plough lane.

Messrs. Thomas Gillespie and John Nevin are among those elected to the Committee of the Irish Commercial Travellers' Association.

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FOR INDIAN CIVIL SERVANTS.

A revision of some importance has been made in the Statutory Rules and Orders made by the Secretary of State in Council earlier in the month to give effect to recommendations of the Lee Commission for improving the financial position of members of the Superior Civil Services retaining their British domicile and of Indian members incurring certain family liabilities, *e.g.*, the education of children, in England.

One item which gave substantial relief was the grant of "passage pay" to cover the cost of a given number of passages to and from Europe for the officer and his wife, and of single passages for each child.

In the original form the concession was subject to a provision that the cost of such a passage should not exceed the cost of a passage by sea between Bombay and London in a P. and O. liner, first class B. For the words "Bombay and London" the words "port to port" are now substituted.

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Irish Times	Feltham Hill.	Golden Victory.	Test Match.	Wandering Monk.	General Post.	What Luck.
S. Life and Sportsman	Babu.	Henry B.	Turkey Buzzard.	Wandering Monk.*	Festoon.	Vive.
Man on the Spot	Uncertain.	Golden Victory.	Super Man.	Wandering Monk.*	Festoon.	Vive.
Westminster Gazette	Drinkmore.	Ardgour.	Drinmond.	Imprudence.	Reading.	Double Chance.
Daily News	Silvanus.	Henry B.	Drinmond.	Wandering Monk.*	Reading.	Lukeston.
Daily Express	Graystown, next best,	Ardgour; if ab., Henry B.	Turkey Buzzard; if ab., Drinmond.	Wandering Monk.*	Reading.	Wild Times; if ab., Lady Alvey.
Daily Mirror	Feltham Hill.	Ardgour.	Test Match.	Wandering Monk.	Reading.	Wild Times.
Daily Graphic	Graystown.	Golden Victory.	Keep Cool.*	Clochnaben.	Agincourt.	Wild Times.
Star	Cashlie.	Ned Carver.	Test Match.*	Wandering Monk.	Festoon.	Cross Paddy.
Evening News	Morecoy.	Woolcraft.	Test Match.*	Imprudence.*	Alopex.	Mr. Madcap.
Evening Standard	Drink-Less.	Golden Victory.	Drinmond.	Imprudence.	Reading.	Mr. Madcap.
Daily Mail	Graystown.	Golden Victory.	Test Match.	Billy Beck.	Festoon.	Double Chance.
Times	Graystown.	Poole's selected.	Drinmond.	Wandering Monk.	Apelex.	Lukeston.

RAILWAY AMALGAMATION.

LAST MEETINGS OF THE COMPANIES: REVIEW OF THE POSITION.

COMPENSATION FOR DIRECTORS.

For the last time the Dublin and South-Eastern Railway Company, the Cork and Bandon Railway Company, and the Dublin and Kingstown Railway Company held general meetings yesterday. To-day at the Engineers' Hall, Dublin, the Great Southern Railway Company will hold a similar meeting.

The business of these meetings was to elect directors to serve as directors of the amalgamated company, and take other necessary steps for the initiation of the new railway administration in the Free State.

Senator the Right Hon. H. G. Burgess yesterday made an important statement on the course of events which had led to the absorption of the Dublin and South-Eastern Railway.

At both of yesterday's meetings sums were voted for the compensation of directors who will not sit on the board of the amalgamated company.

DUBLIN AND SOUTH-EASTERN RAILWAY.

STATEMENT BY MR. BURGESS.

The Right Hon. H. G. Burgess, P.C., presided at the extraordinary general meeting of the proprietors of the Dublin and South-Eastern Railway Company, held yesterday at Westland row Station. The other directors present were:—The Right Hon. James MacMahon, P.C.; Messrs. R. W. Booth, J. MacVeagh, and J. C. R. Lardner, K.C.

The objects of the meeting were (1) to elect from amongst the directors of the Dublin and South-Eastern Railway two directors to serve on the board of the Great Southern Railways Company, and (2) to provide, with the consent of the proprietors, for payment of compensation to the directors of the Dublin and South-Eastern Railway Company who suffer loss by the abolition of their positions.

There was a large attendance of stockholders.

The Chairman, having expressed regret at the absence, through illness, of the chairman of the company—Sir Thomas Esmonde—said:—

SETTLEMENT TERMS.

"The notification sent to each shareholder of the holding of this meeting contains the settlement we have made for the stockholders of the Dublin and South-Eastern Railway Company, as well as for the stockholders of the two separate undertakings—viz., the City of Dublin Junction Railways and the New Ross and Waterford Extension Railways.

"A glance at the statement will show you that, with the exception of the Dublin and South-Eastern Railway Ordinary Stock, all the Stocks of the three undertakings are to be exchanged for Stocks of the new amalgamated company at par value.

"The Dublin and South-Eastern Railway Ordinary Stock is to be exchanged at the rate of £47 10s. of the Ordinary Stock of the new company for every £100 of South-Eastern Railway Ordinary Stock.

"In the matter of priority, the holders of our 'B' (or second) Debenture Stock gain an advantage, inasmuch as this Stock is to be amalgamated along with our 'A' (or first) Debenture Stock with the 4 per cent. Debenture Stock of the new company.

"All the Stocks of the undertakings of the City of Dublin Junction Railways and the New Ross and Waterford Extension Railways are to be included in the amalgamation scheme exactly as they stand at present in relation to the parent company.

"When we met here on 29th August last our position in regard to the amalgamation scheme was as unsatisfactory as it could possibly be. We feel that you are entitled to know how the position has been retrieved, and how the satisfactory settlement that I have indicated has been reached.

"I will summarise the position of our affairs at the close of our meeting on 29th August last.

"Negotiations between ourselves and the other amalgamating companies had broken down because we were unable to guarantee that the London, Midland and Scottish Company would continue to give to the new company the voluntary advantages, amounting to about £20,000, which we have been enjoying. We had been assured by the great majority of our stockholders that they agreed with our recommendation to submit our case to the Railway Tribunal, with confidence that we would receive fair and equitable treatment from that body.

"You will realise that the exchange value of the stocks of the amalgamating companies into the new company would be based principally on the comparative value of the properties of the amalgamating companies.

"In order to arrive at the comparative value of the four amalgamating companies, it became necessary for us to have the books of accounts of the four companies closely examined by chartered accountants, also the properties of the four companies carefully examined and reported on by skilled engineers, independently of our own officers, so as to enable the chartered accountants to arrive at the necessary comparative value for the purpose of the amalgamation of the stocks.

"To this end we appointed Messrs. Mann, Judd, Gordon and Co., chartered accountants, London and Glasgow, and Mr. D. Rutherford, C.E., lately chief engineer and locomotive superintendent of the Furness Railway Company. Our choice was guided by the fact that Sir John Mann—the head of the firm of Mann, Judd, Gordon and Co.—and Mr. Rutherford were engaged on similar work by the large English railway companies in the matter of the amalgamation of the railways in Great Britain.

"The investigations of Mr. Norman Duthie—a partner in the firm of Mann, Judd, Gordon and Co.—and those of Mr. Rutherford disclosed that our property, so far from being inferior to that of any railway company in the Irish Free State, was in many ways superior to that of the other amalgamating companies.

COASTAL DEFENCE.

"It gives me great pleasure to report to you that the opinion of skilled engineering experts is that our permanent way as a whole is at least equal to the best permanent way of any other railway company in the Free State to which the Railways Act, 1924, applies.

"It was anticipated that we would have considerable difficulty in proving to the Railway Tribunal that a high margin of safety had been attained on the portions of our line exposed to the sea as a result of our heavy expenditure within the past nine years on coast defence works. We knew that many of our own statements made some years ago—that a diversion of the line between Greystones and Wicklow was urgently necessary—could be used against us. The circumstances in connection with our present coast defence works in relation to the proposal for a diversion of the line have never yet been made clear.

"In January, 1916, your directors, on the advice of our chief engineer, decided to expend between £50,000 and £60,000 on the construction of coast defences and special treatment of the exposed parts of the permanent way to prevent the frequent interruption to traffic.

"In the following year we approached Sir Henry Duke, then Chief Secretary for Ireland, and requested, through him, the British Government to assume financial responsibility for the construction of the necessary diversion of the line.

"Sir Henry Duke had the exposed parts of the line examined by the late Sir Maurice Fitzmaurice, C.M.G., an engineer of great reputation, and a little later by Colonel Morgan, who was then chief engineer of the London, Brighton and South Coast Railway. They both reported in favour of a diversion of the line; but Sir Maurice Fitzmaurice recommended the Government to grant £10,000 to enable us to continue the coast defence works that we had begun the previous year.

"The scheme for a diversion fell through, but the British Government continued to make grants from time to time, which totalled in all £40,759, to be spent on the continuance of the coast defence works. As each of these grants became exhausted the coast defence work in progress was examined by engineers attached to the Board of Trade, whose reports were invariably favourable, both as to the effectiveness of the work and the economical methods adopted in carrying it out.

"Eventually breaches of the line and the consequent interruption to traffic came to an end, the last interruption having occurred on 16th December, 1917. The effectiveness of the coast defence work may be judged from the fact that for the four years ending December, 1917, eleven breaches of the line occurred; but from that time until now—viz., seven years—our coast defences have never failed in effectually protecting the line.

"For the purpose of convincing the Tribunal as to the effectiveness of our coast defences, we engaged Mr. Frederick Palmer, an engineer of world-wide reputation, to examine the coast defence works. He has assured us that a high degree of security against interruptions from encroachment of the sea has been attained, and, apart from the question of the evidence which he proposed to give to the Tribunal, his impartial opinion is that, with a comparatively small expenditure spread over a period of years, the construction of a diversion line is quite unnecessary.

"The foregoing are the principal features which affected the prices at which our Ordinary Stock was to be exchanged with that of the new company.

"Our engine stock was found by Mr. Rutherford to be in equally good condition to that of the other amalgamating companies. Our carriage stock was found to be maintained in good condition and repair, but it would have been alleged that the design of most of our suburban rolling stock is out of date. This would also have been a point for contest.

DUBLIN AND KINGSTOWN LINE.

"An agreement was made in October last between this company and the Dublin and Kingstown Company which settled the difficulties that had lain dormant for over a generation.

"The inclusion of the Dublin and Kingstown Railway Company amongst the companies to be absorbed under the Railways Act brought about a peculiar position in the relations between that company and the Dublin and South-Eastern Company. It revived the question of compensation to the South-Eastern Company as tenant for the capital which we had expended on the property of the Dublin and Kingstown Company during the period of the lease. It may be remembered that in 1905, when the South-Eastern Company gave notice to the Kingstown Company of the surrender of the lease, we claimed £230,000 compensation for capital improvements.

"The inclusion of the Dublin and Kingstown line for absorption brings the lease between the two companies to an end, thus setting up a position similar to that which obtained when we gave notice of surrender of the lease in 1905.

"A few months ago it became evident to us that a settlement by consent was a matter of great importance in order to prevent a costly, and in our opinion unnecessary, contest before the Tribunal. An agreement was executed between the two companies and sealed in October last whereby the Dublin and Kingstown Company have agreed to accept stocks of prior security in the new company. These stocks will yield an annual dividend and interest of £24,535, and we have agreed to accept the difference between this figure and the old rent of £30,000 as compensation in respect of our capital expenditure on construction, improvements, etc., on the property of the Kingstown Company.

"This agreement is being presented to-day for the approval of the stockholders of the Dublin and Kingstown Railway Company at their general meeting.

"The point of interest to us is that this amicable settlement increases the value of our Ordinary Stock.

"The work of Messrs. Mann, Judd, Gordon and Co., Mr. David Rutherford, and Mr. Frederick Palmer has had the effect of gaining for our Ordinary and Preference Stockholders a considerable increase in the exchange value of our stocks, particularly the Ordinary Stock. In the course of the proceedings before the Tribunal the other amalgamating company contended that the maximum value of our Ordinary Stock stood no higher than £32 per cent. This would have placed the total value of our Ordinary Stock at £309,437, whereas the value of our Ordinary Stock at £47½ per cent. is £459,320. The Ordinary Stockholders have, therefore, gained an advantage of £149,883.

"With regard to our Preference Stocks, if the case had gone to the Tribunal for decision the other Amalgamating Company would have contended that they should be included in the Preference Stock of the new company, at the rate of 90 per cent. Their inclusion at par benefits the Preference Stockholders by £46,357. Our determination to contest the matter to the end has gained for our stockholders £196,240 more capital in the new company than would have been obtained through an agreement without having recourse to the Tribunal, for, although the Tribunal were not called upon to adjudicate, a settlement was not arrived at until the Tribunal actually sat, and it was then only through the medium of counsel on both sides that the other companies accepted the lowest terms that we had decided to take.

"Your directors consider that the result of the proceedings since the last general meeting are eminently satisfactory from the point of view of the stockholders, and fully justified us in acting upon the advice of the special accountants and engineers engaged to advise them.

"For your information I would like to read an extract from a letter received by our Secretary from Sir John Mann.

"It is as follows:—'We shall be glad if you will convey to your Board our appreciation of the very valuable assistance which we received from officers of the company engaged in the preparation of the case, more particularly yourself, Mr. Moore and Mr. Wild. The readiness with which every suggestion we made was received and the heartiness of the co-operation of all concerned was most marked throughout, and forms one of the many pleasant recollections we have of the case. We are also indebted to Mr. Murphy, your Assistant Accountant, and to your personal staff for much ungrudging help.'

"This letter contains also the following paragraph:—'As the Board may not realise the part which Mr. Lardner has taken in the controversy we think it right to acknowledge specially the amount of time and thought which he has devoted to the interests of the company during the past four months, on many occasions, we know, when his professional work made most exacting demands upon his time.'

"This independent appreciation by Sir John Mann of Mr. Lardner gives me the opportunity of bringing to your knowledge how unsparingly he has given his time and energy—firstly, to bring about an amicable settlement in the early stages, and later in undertaking the difficult and delicate task of keeping open what may be termed as the lines of communication between the Boards of the respective companies. Throughout the whole proceedings, and particularly during the last twelve months, he treated the interests of the stockholders as if it were his own personal affair, notwithstanding his arduous and extensive professional work. Our stockholders are under a great obligation to Mr. Lardner, and I am sure you will allow me to thank him now on behalf of the whole company.

"Since the negotiations in August last for the settlement of our arrangements with the Joint Committee representing the other amalgamating companies no opportunity was lost of pressing forward the claims of our staff, and of ensuring fair play and adequate treatment for them under the new amalgamated company; but owing to the difficulties which arose from time to time consequent on the course of the negotiations, and of the contest before the Railway Tribunal, it was not found possible to arrive at any detailed settlement of the claims of the staff.

"Your directors thought it right to appoint a sub-committee of the Board to look after the interests of the staff, and as a result of communications which were exchanged with the other amalgamating company, the following letter was received by Sir Thomas Esmonde from Sir Walter Nugent, dated 23rd inst.:—

"'I beg to acknowledge your letter of the 22nd inst., addressed to the Chairman, and, in his absence, desire to express our agreement that the fullest possible consideration be given to the claims of your company's staff as to positions in the amalgamated company.

"'You appear to suggest that this is a matter which can be dealt with by a committee consisting of representatives of the board of the two amalgamated companies. With this view we do not agree. It is our opinion that all the new appointments must of necessity be made by the new board, at the meetings of which your representatives will be present, and will have a full opportunity of putting forward their views with regard to this matter.

"'This course we believe to be the right one, and it is that which was adopted as between the Great Southern and Western, Midland Great Western, and Cork, Bandon and South Coast Companies when the present company was formed, and we feel sure that it will be found satisfactory to all parties concerned.

"'You are, of course, aware that the position of your company's staff is fully safeguarded under the Railways Act, 1924.—Yours truly,

"'WALTER NUGENT.'

"The terms of this letter are the only assurances we can rely upon for the protection of your staff in the future, and your directors feel that the shareholders will look to the new amalgamated company to carry into effect, not only in the letter, but in the spirit, all the assurances given by Sir Walter Nugent.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS.

"I now come to the express purposes for which this meeting has been summoned. The first is the election from amongst the directors of two directors to serve on the board of the new company. The oldest member of our board, Mr. Frederic W. Pim, was invited to allow his name to be submitted to the shareholders for election on the new board. Mr. Pim, in common with Sir Thomas Esmonde, Mr. MacVeagh and Mr. Lardner, expressed inability to accept nomination to the board of the new amalgamated company. Your directors used all their persuasion with Mr. Lardner, who has rendered such valuable services to this company, particularly in the matter of amalgamation, to allow his name to go forward to the shareholders for election; but he felt himself constrained to decline our request, for the reason that, having regard to the demands of his professional work, he could not devote the time necessary for the onerous work of the new amalgamated company. We regret this decision very much, as we know from experience that his sound judgment and vigorous ability are exactly the qualities required for a railway director at the present time.

"Your directors have unanimously selected Mr. R. W. Booth and the Right Hon. James MacMahon as nominees to be submitted to you for election to the board of the new company as representatives of the Dublin and South-Eastern Railway Company.

COMPENSATION.

"The second purpose for which this meeting is summoned is to provide, in accordance with the terms of the Railway Act, 1924, for payment of compensation to the directors who suffer loss by abolition of office.

"We propose to you that the payment of compensation to the retiring directors should be made on the basis of five years' purchase of their fees, save in the case of one individual director, whose services and activities on behalf of the company, wholly outside his ordinary duties as a director, entitle him to special consideration on the abolition of his office as director; and in his case your directors unanimously recommend that his standard compensation be increased by adding thereto the sum of £1,300. The total compensation payable under this proposal would amount to £13,550.

"The total compensation is larger than that paid by the other companies, but in their case they have a larger representation on the Board of the new company, and a correspondingly less number of retiring directors.

"In addition, the chairmen of the other companies are taking seats on the new Board, and as Sir Thomas Esmonde does not propose to follow their example, the commutation figure is increased, as the fees allotted to the chairman of a company are higher than those paid to the other directors.

"This disposes of all the business to be brought before you to-day, and, although this is the last occasion at which we shall have the pleasure of meeting the shareholders as an existing company with a fully effective Board, the painful occasion of our final farewell is, under the Statute, deferred until February or March next, when we look forward to meeting you again for the purpose of declaring the usual dividend.

PROSPERITY OF THE FREE STATE.

"I am sure that I express the feelings of all my brother directors, as I do my own, when I say that we are greatly indebted to our officers and staff for their loyal and efficient service to the company in the past, and especially during the last few years. Especially in this connection I would like to mention our appreciation of the services of our efficient and able Secretary, Mr. R. D. Griffith; also our Chief Engineer, Mr. C. E. Moore, whose services to the company in the protection of our line from coast erosion are beyond all praise.

"Before sitting down I desire particularly to express the hope that, as the ordinary affairs of this company all pass over to the new company on January 1st, any heat or feeling that may have arisen during the rather long-drawn-out controversy may be entirely forgotten, and that the directors of the new Board will act as one man to make the new scheme a thorough success and justify the Government's action in bringing about the amalgamation of the Free State railways.

"On the shoulders of the directors this responsibility primarily rests, but the shareholders can also very effectively help, and I am sure they will.

"We all know that there is room—and great room, too—for the development of the Free State under various heads, and it is the duty of each and all of us to do all that lies in our power to promote the prosperity and progress of the Irish Free State."

STOCKHOLDERS' VIEWS.

The Chairman read a letter from Mr. F. W. Pim expressing regret at being unable to attend the meeting, and stating that although he was convinced that the prosperity of Irish railways and Irish trade generally was to be sought in harmonious co-operation rather than in any form of competition amongst themselves, and would be promoted by securing the closest and friendliest relations with the British systems. He was not sure that the method now being inaugurated was the best calculated to achieve this result. It was, however, in his opinion, the duty of everyone to do the utmost to secure these objects by the means available, and he trusted that the shareholders would give their unanimous and hearty approval to the action taken by the directors.

Mr. Adam Lloyd Blood, solicitor, said that he represented the Irish Railway Stockholders' Association. He thought that the nomination of two new directors was quite good and he wished them every success. As regards the compensation to the outgoing directors, he thought that it would have been more convenient if the Board could have seen their way to advise the shareholders beforehand on the matter. No doubt the Board had confidence in themselves, as the shareholders had confidence in the directors. He did not say that the directors were asking anything extravagant, but he attended meetings of the other railways, and the directors were only getting four years' salary as compensation, whereas the directors of the Dublin and South-Eastern Railway were getting five years' salary as compensation. The Chairman had mentioned that one of the directors was entitled to special consideration. The name of that director was not mentioned, but he presumed it was Mr. J. MacVeagh, for whom they had the greatest respect, and if the Chairman thought that he was entitled to special consideration, they would not quarrel with him. They had two auditors also who were entitled to compensation.

In conclusion, Mr. Blood congratulated the Chairman on his position on the Amalgamated Board. He said that he had great confidence that the shares of the Irish railways would ultimately come right, and if they did he believed that it would to a large extent be due to the Chairman's vast experience, ability, and the strength which he occupied in railway circles.

REWARDING THE STAFF.

Mr. C. J. Reddy, solicitor, congratulated the Chairman on his report, and suggested that a substantial sum should be allocated to the officials of the company. It was the most tangible way of expressing their appreciation of the excellent services which these officials had rendered. They, as shareholders, should support their two new directors in the new office, in seeing that justice was done to their officials. He thought it unfair that the officials of that railway company should have been brushed aside when new appointments were made.

Mr. R. J. Kelly, K.C., endorsed every word said by the Chairman as regards Mr. Lardner. The Chairman had made a very clear and satisfactory statement, and one which they would expect from him as the general manager of the largest railway corporation in the world, a position which he gained by their ability. It was a source of pride and satisfaction to them all to know that an Irishman was selected to preside over the largest railway corporation in the world.

Mr. William Ireland referred to the admirable services of the staff, and thought that they should be suitably compensated. They were worthy of every consideration. He referred particularly to the Secretary (Mr. Griffiths) who had spent thirty years in their service, Mr. Moore (their Engineer), who had about the same service, and two other leading members of the staff.

Mr. J. Maguire thought that the amount of compensation allocated to the directors was too large.

CHAIRMAN'S REPLY.

The Chairman, replying to the discussion, said that the compensation to be paid to the retiring directors was fixed according to their fees by the Railway Act, 1924. Continuing, he said that if they all pulled together, put their shoulders to the wheel, and developed the resources of Ireland, he could not see why a decent dividend should not ultimately be paid to railway Ordinary shareholders.

The Chairman proposed that a sum of £13,500 be voted as compensation to the directors who ceased to act owing to the abolition of their office, and not as remuneration for past services.

Mr. R. W. Booth seconded the resolution, which passed unanimously.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. MacVeagh, the Right Hon. James MacMahon, P.C., and Mr. R. W. Booth were appointed directors of the Great Southern Railways Company.

On the motion of Mr. Blood, seconded by Mr. Ireland, it was decided to recommend the payment of £270 to Mr. Edward Edwards, who had been auditor of the company for twelve years, and £90 to Sir Simon Maddock, who had been auditor for one year, for loss of office.

Mr. Reddy proposed, and Mr. Berney seconded, the recommendation that a sum of £5,000 be voted to the members of the administrative and office staffs, *pro rata* in accordance with the amounts of their salaries, as a bonus by way of partial recompense for their past services, in such a manner as the directors may determine; said money to be voted out of moneys for the year ending 31st December, 1924.

The resolution passed unanimously.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the meeting.

DUBLIN AND KINGSTOWN RAILWAY.

SHAREHOLDER DEMANDS POLL.

The special general meeting of the proprietors of the Dublin and Kingstown Railway Company was held yesterday at 36 College Green, Dublin.

Mr. Richard Pim (Chairman) presided, and the other directors present were:—Messrs. Joseph Tatlow, William Robertson, and Wilfred Fitzgerald.

The Chairman said that it was only by mere chance that he occupied the chair that day, their late chairman, Mr. Tatlow, now a member of the General Committee of Railways, having resigned the position when the matter of the Dublin and South Eastern Railway came up. The Dublin and Kingstown Railway was established in 1831, and had been largely promoted by his (Mr. Pim's) grandfather, and it was quite a coincidence that he should be called on to preside at that meeting, which meant the passing of the Kingstown and Dublin Line.

Continuing, he proposed that they approve of an agreement, dated the 25th October, 1924, entered into between the Dublin and South Eastern Railway Company and the Dublin and Kingstown Railway Company as to the terms of the absorption to be proposed for adoption by the Railway Tribunal in preparation and settlement of the scheme for the absorption of the Dublin and Kingstown Railway Company, pursuant to the Railways Act, 1924. He said that the directors had no easy time of it during the past year. They were not a first charge on the total undertaking, and they had been advised that if they went before the Railway Tribunal the probable result would be that the earnings of the line would be gone into. That they were not prepared to face in view of the information before them, and with these facts and the advice of eminent counsel, who advised them to accept the settlement, they had agreed to it, though they were disappointed with the terms. He assured them, however, that it was the very best that could be done in the circumstances.

Mr. Fitzgerald seconded the resolution.

PROPOSAL OPPOSED.

Dr. McGrath (shareholder), opposing the motion, said that the man who paid £200, £234 and £190 for these shares got a very poor return. He put money into these stocks as a trustee investment, and thought it was one of the safest and most reliable of investments that one could find. He did not see why the directors should amalgamate without first going to the shareholders and give them a chance of approving or disapproving of the scheme. He suggested that a small committee of shareholders should be appointed to go before the Tribunal and put their case before it.

Mr. Edward Watson (shareholder) said that over 20 years ago the Dublin and Kingstown Railway Company had made an agreement with the Dublin and South Eastern Railway, by which the directors became merely cashiers, receiving the rent twice a year, and paying it out as dividends. That agreement, he contended, was made without reference or consultation with the shareholders. In the past twenty years up to £120,000 had been taken from them, which, but for the agreement, would be distributed in dividends; and now the directors recommend that they should be deprived of more of their property. As regards the ordinary stock at present, it would be difficult to find words to express an opinion as to the action of the directors. He submitted that the debenture stock should be maintained and as well-secured as it had hitherto been.

The directors proposed that part of their property should be put on a level with them. The outrageous character of the directors' suggestions was shown by the one which relegated part of their property to a position inferior to that of the Dublin and South-Eastern Railway Company's 4 per cent. preference stock. He understood that the amalgamated companies originally proposed to take this over, giving £90 for each £100, and £20 for each £100 of ordinary stock, but this had been altered, and the preference stock was to be exchanged at par and the ordinary at £47 10s. per £100. He objected to the £30,000 under the old agreements for the improving of the railway being ignored, and the handing over of the reserve fund of £12,762 to the amalgamated company.

On the face of this, these recommendations of the directors seemed what might be expected to emanate from the inmates of a lunatic asylum, but a board constituted as theirs was could not plead lunacy, and the only explanation he could find was that Mr. Tatlow thought mainly of the interests of the Midland Great Western Railway Company and the amalgamated companies, and entirely ignored the interests of the Kingstown Company; and he should say that he felt not only surprised, but disappointed.

As regards compensation to the directors, he thought the matter should stand over until they knew whether their rights would be maintained or not, and, if they were not, he did not see why the directors should be compensated for helping to surrender them.

He added that the Kingstown Company consisted of 467 shareholders, and hitherto the directors had acted as if shareholders and ignored the other 461 shareholders. His desire was to prevent the present shareholders being treated as they had been in the past.

FORCED ABSORPTION.

The Chairman said that with regard to Dr. McGrath's statement, all stocks and shares had fallen tremendously. The Dublin and South-Eastern Railway was never a trustee stock, but was looked upon as good investment. Mr. Watson complained that the directors had recommended the scheme, but he entirely lost sight of the fact that absorption had been forced on them by statute, and that also, in fixing the basis of absorption, the Tribunal had regard to all the circumstances of the case, and in the Act of Parliament the value of the net revenue was based on each of the absorbed companies.

Mr. Watson said that in deciding the resolution they could not use their proxies, and they should proceed regularly.

The Chairman said that he was advised that he was proceeding regularly. He then put the motion, and declared it carried.

Mr. Watson demanded a poll when it was found that the shareholders present who were in favour of the resolution held stock amounting to £10,337 6s., and those against the resolution held £4,900. The poll was, therefore, unnecessary, and there was no need for an examination of proxies. Proxies held in favour of Mr. Watson amounted to £5,815, making a total of £10,615.

The Chairman declared the motion passed.

Mr. Tatlow said that, with regard to Mr. Watson's statement, if their nett revenue had been gone into by the Tribunal it was his belief that they would have fared very much worse. As to Mr. Watson's suggestion that he had been influenced by his position and interests in the Midland line, that was absolutely incorrect. When considering the interests of the Board his sole interest was the Dublin and Kingstown Railway, and he had placed his whole knowledge and experience at its disposal. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Robertson—The suggestion was most improper and undeserved—it is disgraceful.

A resolution providing for the payment of compensation to the directors and officers of the company for loss of office in consequence of the absorption was also adopted.

CORK AND BANDON COMPANY.

FINAL MEETING.

COMPENSATION TO DIRECTORS.

Presiding at the one hundred and forty-seventh general meeting of the proprietors of Cork, Bandon and South Coast Railway Company, pursuant to the provisions of Section 36 of the Railways (Great Southern) Preliminary Amalgamation Scheme, 1924, at Cork yesterday, Mr. Theodore F. Carroll, Chairman, said that from 12th November, 1924, the Cork, Bandon and South Coast Railway Company ceased to exist, except for the purposes of approving the accounts made up at 30th June, 1924, and of providing for compensating the directors who suffer loss by the abolition of office. The accounts are those for the half-year ended 30th June, 1924, but, under the Railways Act, 1924, they are to be treated as the accounts of the year 1924, and no further accounts will be published by the Cork, Bandon and South Coast Railway Company. The receipts of the railway amounted to £80,128, and the expenditure to £67,712, leaving the net receipts £12,416, to which has to be added £592 miscellaneous receipts and £5,331 taken from contingency account, making the total net income £18,339. This enabled the directors to pay an interim dividend at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the Ordinary Stock for the half-year ended 30th June last. A resolution will be submitted declaring the interim dividends paid for that half-year to rank as final dividends for the year 1924. Those who have been in the habit of travelling on the line during the last forty-two years will fully realise the great changes effected, and this proprietors and the Board have no reason to be ashamed of the undertaking which they have now handed over to the amalgamated company, "The Great Southern Railways Company." Most of the improvements were carried out by Mr. John R. Kerr, who was in the company's service for forty years, first as engineer, and for the last twenty-one years as general manager and chief engineer, and the Board express their deep appreciation of his faithful and valued services. He was appointed a member of the Railway Tribunal on the 1st October last, and had, from that date, to sever his connection with the company. He hoped that the greater number of the staff would be taken over by the Great Southern Company, and that they would continue to render to that company the same loyal and faithful service for which they had to thank them. The Railways Act, 1924, provides that any of their staff whose position was declared redundant, shall be compensated. The Act authorises the proprietors to vote a sum out of the assets of the company as compensation for loss of office to the directors who cease to act, and a resolution will be submitted that a sum of £2,500 shall be so applied. The directors' fees were fixed at £500 over forty years ago, and the Board have never asked the proprietors to increase them, though the length of the line and the traffic have been considerably increased. (Applause.)

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by the Deputy Chairman, and resolved:—"That the report of the directors and statement of accounts attached thereto, as circulated among the proprietors, be adopted."

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by the Deputy Chairman, and resolved:—"That the interim dividends paid for the half-year ended the 30th day of June, 1924, less income tax, are hereby declared, and shall be deemed to rank as dividends for the year of account, 1924." The ordinary dividend was at the rate of 2 per cent per annum.

Proposed by Mr. W. T. Green, seconded by Mr. E. Doyle, and resolved:—"That, in accordance with the provisions of the Railways Act, 1924, and of the Railways (Great Southern) Preliminary Amalgamation Scheme, 1923, the sum of £2,500 be voted out of the assets of the company for distribution among the directors who cease to act, as compensation for loss by abolition of office, and not as remuneration in respect of past services, the division of the sum to be at the discretion of the Board."

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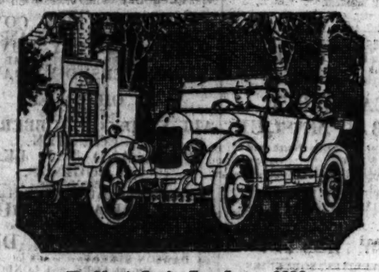

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DUBLIN DISTRICT COURT.

MILK OFFENCES.

(Before Mr. Collins.)

In the Dublin District Court yesterday, Patrick Tynan, Merchant's quay, was summoned at the instance of the Dublin Corporation for selling new milk which was deficient of 10 per cent. of its fats.

Inspector Egan gave evidence as to having taken the sample of the milk.

The defendant said that he always sold the best milk, but on the present occasion there was negligence on the part of his daughter in not stirring up the milk.

A fine of 40s. was imposed.

(Before Mr. Cussen.)

William McCullagh, Annesley place, was summoned yesterday for selling new milk deficient of 13.3 per cent. of its fats.

Mr. T. E. Burke, solicitor, prosecuted for the Dublin Corporation, and Mr. Sheil, solicitor, appeared for the defence.

Inspector Tutty gave evidence as to purchasing a sample of the milk.

Mr. Sheil, in defence, said that in such cases as this there was a misapprehension in the public mind which was not fair to respectable traders, who were only under obligation to supply milk as it came from the cow.

Mr. Burke said that they were under obligation to supply milk which was in proper condition.

Defendant gave evidence that he was present at the milking of the cows. On the question of the feeding of the cattle he said that the feeding which he gave was calculated to keep them in good condition.

Mrs. McCullagh said that their family had been forty years in business, and there had never been any prosecution.

Mr. Sheil submitted that there had been no interference with the milk.

Mr. Cussen said that under the section of the Act a sample of milk containing less than 3 per cent. of milk fats should be presumed not to be genuine by reason of the abstraction of milk fat or the addition of water. In the present case the certificate showed that the milk contained 2.6 per cent. of fats, whereas it ought to contain 3 per cent. The deficiency might be due, as he thought it was, to improper feeding. The defendant had not satisfied him that he was not responsible for the condition of the milk, and there must be a conviction. There was, however, no wish on the part of the defendant to defraud the public, and it was a case for a moderate penalty. He imposed a fine of £2.

POSSESSION OF CATTLE.

Mr. J. W. Davis, solicitor, made an application under the Police Property Act, 1897, in respect of cattle the property of John J. O'Connor, Lower Main street, Dingle, and James McDonnell, cattle dealer, Dingle.

The cattle in question were stolen by Patrick McGovern, who pleaded guilty at the last Sessions on 17th October, and was sentenced to six months' imprisonment by Mr. Justice Sullivan. The owners now appeared before Mr. Cussen, who, having heard evidence, made an order restoring to them the cattle, which have been in the care of Mr. Lawlor, of Irishtown, Clondalkin.

DUBLIN FIRES.

PROMPT ACTION SAVES LOSS.

A fire broke out in a store over the ground floor of 27A North Great George's street, Dublin, about midnight on Monday, causing alarm amongst the tenement dwellers in the upper parts of the building.

The Fire Brigade, on arrival, found the store, which is used by Mr. Rogers, furniture dealer, in flames, but extinguished the fire in less than half an hour. Damage was done to beds, bedding and furniture and to the interior of the premises.

An outbreak of fire, due, it is stated, to a defective hearth, occurred in the residence of Mr. Thomas Gogan, 11 Maxwell road, Rathmines, early yesterday morning. It was put out quickly by the Rathmines Fire Brigade, which was promptly on the scene, and little damage was done.

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M. J. RUSSELL,
Medical Officer of Health.
Municipal Buildings, Cork Hill, Dublin.

DUBLIN COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL.

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The Irish Times

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1924.

NEWS SUMMARY.

IRELAND.

Complaints are being made by solicitors in the Free State of the confusion caused in the Law Courts by the absence of Rules of Court for the new Courts set up under the Act which was passed last summer.—(Page 7.)

Speaking at Mallow yesterday, Mr. P. J. Hogan, Minister for Lands and Agriculture, said that, if the Dairy Produce Bill was administered successfully, the value of the Irish butter trade could be increased by £8,000,000 in three years.—(Page 7.)

Mr. James O'Mara, in an interview with our Political Correspondent yesterday, denied that he intended to resign from the Dail and the Cumann na nGaedheal Party. He insisted, however, that the Government's financial policy was wrong and that there must be a reduction in taxation.—(Page 7.)

It is probable that a Labour candidate will be nominated in the North Dublin by-election.—(Page 7.)

The curfew in Northern Ireland is to be discontinued.—(Page 7.)

A sub-committee of the Belfast Corporation has made a report recommending important economies and reforms in the management of city tramways.—(Page 9.)

Meetings were held of three of the Free State railway companies yesterday for the purpose of electing directors to act on the amalgamated company, and compensation was voted to other directors for their loss of office.—(Page 5.)

GREAT BRITAIN.

The pound sterling is now worth 19s. 6d. on the New York Exchange, the highest figure for five and a half years.—(Page 7.)

SPORTING.

At Newbury yesterday Guidance won the Reading Steeplechase.—(Page 4.)

FINANCIAL.

London Stock Markets were more subdued yesterday, with profit-taking sales in evidence. Rubbers and Teas were firm spots.—(Page 10.)

Conditions in Lombard street were comfortable, and to-day is expected to pass without acute stringency. Overnight money was offered down to 1 per cent. Sterling in New York again improved.—(Page 11.)

In Dublin Market National Loan fell ½ to 92, and Bank Stock rose 2 to 277. Textiles were firm.—(Page 10.)

The Permanent Way.

The opening of the new year will introduce an amalgamated direction of all the railway interests of the Free State. Yesterday the Dublin and South-Eastern Railway—the last of the familiar companies and the oldest railway company, save two, in Great Britain and Ireland—took its final farewell of a public to which, through many trials and vicissitudes of fortune, it has given loyal service. The directors have fought a brave and, on the whole, a successful battle for the shareholders' rights; and the terms of amalgamation, as explained yesterday by Senator the Right Hon. H. G. Burgess, certainly are not unfavourable to them. The Company's ordinary stock will be exchanged with the ordinary stock of the amalgamated company in the ratio of £100 to £47 10s. As compared with the terms which the other companies offered when the process of bargaining began, the ordinary and preference stockholders of the Dublin and South-Eastern Company have gained an advantage of more than £196,000. The whole policy of amalgamation is a very bold adventure; but the concluding words of Mr. Burgess, who spoke from an intimate experience of railway management on the great scale, are not discouraging. The Dublin and South-Eastern Company was not brought into the amalgamation without much controversy—sometimes bitter controversy. Mr. Burgess pleaded that these things should be forgotten, and that the directors of the new board should employ their utmost efforts to fulfil the Government's hopes. "We know," he said, "that there is room—and great room, too—for the development of the Free State under various heads, and it is the duty of each and all of us to do all that lies in our power to promote the prosperity and progress of the Irish Free State."

If the Free State railways are to thrive under the new conditions, they must supply better services; they must reduce existing freights and fares, and they must find some means to diminish their vast wages bills. Their present powers and resources will not permit them to make real headway with any of these reforms. The truth is that the railways are poor because the country is poor, and that the industrial conditions which have inflated the cost of labour are, in a large measure, the result of a low standard of national economy. The railways alone cannot create trade. Trade cannot flourish without efficient railways. It follows that railways and trade must advance with equal steps, stimulating each other to intelligent competition in the path of progress. The bulwark of the Free State railways is, and will remain, the Free State's agricultural industry. If there is a swift development of that industry in the near future, the railways will be the first to benefit; and, if the railways make haste to cheapen the cost of transport for agricultural produce, the Irish farmer's whole outlook will be changed. Circumstances give a special and very promising significance to Mr. Burgess's hopes; for in his own person he can do much to fulfil them. We have no doubt, at all, that the London, Midland and Scottish Railway Company will nominate him as its first representative on the board of the Free State's amalgamated company. He is a patriotic Irishman, and we may be sure that he will spare no effort to establish closer, fuller and more lucrative contact between the Irish farmers and their British markets. We may expect, too, that in his capacity as *liaison* officer with the railways not only of Great Britain, but of Northern Ireland, he will do valuable work for the development of our Irish tourist traffic during the coming year.

At this critical stage, when, as it seems, a policy of diffused or divided interests may lapse into a policy of stagnation, there is only one safe course for the Free State Government. It must concentrate on essentials. Those essentials to-day are the reduction of taxation and expenditure and the energetic development of the country's paramount industry. Yesterday the Minister for Lands and Agriculture addressed a big congress of dairy-farmers at Mallow. He told them that, with the farmers' honest support, his new legislation would multiply the *Saorstat's* wealth in a very short time. The use of methods which have been tested fully in Denmark and Holland can increase the value of the Free State's butter exports by £6,000,000 within three years. Here is Ireland's real field of wealth: it is bounteous, instantly accessible, and has the world's richest market within a day's journey. Until that field has been developed other schemes for the creation of substance out of a present void are not merely premature; they are dangerous in so far as they distract the nation's attention from its true goal. If Mr. Blythe and Mr. Hogan will come together now, they can produce a policy of fiscal economy and material development that will sweep the country at the coming elections. In the fulfilment of such a policy the Free State railways would play a profitable and vitally important part.

Fascismo's Troubles.

Intense excitement has been caused in Italy as a result of the latest move in the Opposition's campaign against Signor Mussolini and his Fascisti Government. Since the murder of Signor Matteotti it has been known that several prominent Fascisti leaders have important memoranda in their possession dealing with various acts of violence which are alleged to have been committed by hirelings of the Government Party in Italy. On Sunday one of these documents was published in facsimile by the Roman newspaper, *Il Mondo*. The author of the memorandum is Signor Cesare Rossi, formerly chief of the Government's Press Bureau, and at present in custody in connection with the Matteotti crime. Signor Rossi, during a long period, was an intimate associate of Signor Mussolini, whom he accuses now quite openly of serious complicity in most of the Fascisti's violent misdeeds. Nobody has questioned the authenticity of the document, which has shaken the position of the Italian Government very severely. Signor Rossi asserts that Signor Mussolini was directly responsible for the assaults on Signori Amendola, Misuri and Forin; that he instigated the dastardly attack on the house of Signor Nitti, a former Prime Minister, and that he inspired the wrecking of the Roman Catholic clubs in Brianza. The memorandum contains what purport to be *verbatim* transcripts of various conversations which the author had with his Parliamentary chief. These employ extremely bitter and melodramatic language against his political opponents, and constitute—if they be accurate—a most damning denunciation of Benito Mussolini. So far the Premier has ignored the Rossi memorandum, contenting himself with a general statement to Fascisti journalists on the Government's policy towards the Opposition; but the matter is not likely to be allowed to rest there. Almost every newspaper in Italy, with the exception of the official organs of the Fascisti, are calling for Signor Mussolini's immediate resignation, in order that he may be interrogated in the ordinary way by the magistrates. The general feeling seems to be that, apart altogether from the validity or worthlessness of Signor Rossi's outspoken charges, the Premier's continuance in office in the circumstances is incompatible with the dignity of the Italian nation. Of course, the whole business may be an elaborate trick to force the Government to resign—Italian politics lend themselves to such methods—but there is no doubt that it has made a very unfortunate impression abroad, more especially in view of the *Mondo's* high reputation. It is essential that Signor Mussolini shall vindicate himself at the earliest possible opportunity. The charges against him are charges against the whole Italian people, and, unless they are refuted, the fair fame of a great nation will be besmirched.

War Pensions.

The seventh annual report of the Ministry of Pensions illustrates the weight of the burden which still is borne by the British Exchequer as a result of the Great War. The report deals with the financial year 1923-24. During that period more than seventy-two million pounds were spent on pensions. Even this enormous figure showed a decrease of some eight million pounds on the expenditure of the previous year, and it fell below the total for the "record" year 1920-21 by nearly thirty-four and a half million pounds. Two factors contributed principally to the decrease—re-marriage of widows and the improved health of pensioners. At the end of the financial year as many as thirty-six *per cent.* of pensioned widows had re-married. At the same time expenses have been cut to a considerable extent by means of administrative economies. On March 31st 1,131,024 pensions and allowances were being paid in respect of death or disablement, and claims were being received at a rate of 1,200 a week. Of those who were receiving treatment for disability forty-two *per cent.* were victims of wounds or injuries, fifteen *per cent.* were suffering from diseases of the chest, nine *per cent.* from heart disease, six *per cent.* from nervous diseases and six *per cent.* from rheumatism. The number of beneficiaries, including wives, children and widows, rose during the year to the vast total of 4,525,000. The largest number in receipt of benefit at any one time is estimated at 3,500,000. When it is understood that this figure represents considerably more than three-quarters of the population of Ireland, and that Great Britain's annual expenditure on pensions is more than half as much again as the total expenditure of the Irish Free State, some slight estimate may be formed of the price of victory.

Dragons of the Prime.

Sir Sidney F. Harmer pleads in *The Times* for additional funds for the British Museum Expedition to Tanganyika Territory. The object of the expedition is to collect relics of extinct animals which flourished in this region countless years ago. Some very interesting discoveries have been made already, and there is every prospect of further successful research which should add much to the world's scientific knowledge. Some years before the war traces were found by the Germans of a Dinosaurian reptile termed the Gigantosaurus, and the primary object of the British Museum Expedition is to discover bones of this prehistoric beast. The Gigantosaurus is the largest land creature which is known to scientific inquiry. Previous discoveries give a clue to the colossal dimensions of the complete animal. Its shoulder-bone has been found, and the length is slightly over seven feet. The Diplodocus, whose skeleton may be seen in the Reptile Room of the South Kensington Museum, is eighty feet in length, and its shoulder-bone is not more than three feet six inches, or a little less than half as long as that of the Gigantosaurus. This comparison gives some idea of the vast size of the quarry of the British Museum explorers. The work of unearthing these prehistoric monsters is fraught with difficulty. Their bones often lie some distance below the ground, and great caution is necessary in the task of excavation. Four expeditions undertaken by the Germans between the years 1908 and 1912 cost more than eleven thousand pounds. The funds at the disposal of the British Museum are inadequate to the task. It would be a sad loss to science if sufficient money were not forthcoming to enable a work of such extreme interest to be carried out with due skill and care.

OBITUARY.

THE MARCHIONESS OF WINCHESTER.

The Marchioness of Winchester, G.B.E., died after a short illness, in London, on Sunday last. The daughter of Colonel J. S. Howard, of Ballina Park, County Wicklow, and widow of Mr. Samuel Garnett, of Arch Hall, County Meath, she was in South Africa in 1892, and there married the Marquis of Winchester, then Lord Henry Paulet, who was visiting the country for big game shooting. They returned home for a short time, and then went back to South Africa, living for two years at Fort Salisbury. Lord Henry Paulet was in Buluwayo during the early stages of the Boer war, but was able to make his way to the coast and to Europe on receiving the news of the death of his brother and his own succession to the Marquisate. Having succeeded to the title, it was his privilege, in the first Parliament of King Edward, to act as the Hereditary Bearer of the Cap of Maintenance, and at the Coronation to do homage as the premier Marquis of England. The Marchioness of Winchester was for some years president of the Hampshire branch of the Red Cross Society, and took a prominent part in arranging for the comfort of the wounded on their arrival in London during the early part of the Great War. She was also associated with the South African and Rhodesian Officers' Residential Club and the Rhodesian Soldiers' Comfort Fund in London. For her war services she was created a Dame Grand Cross of the Order of the British Empire. She leaves no children.

SIR H. PROTHEROE THOMAS.

Sir Hugh James Protheroe Thomas, of Castle Hall, Milford Haven, who was operated upon a week ago for appendicitis, died yesterday morning. He was reported to be doing well, but a relapse set in on Monday. Sir Hugh, who was born in 1879, came prominently before the public about four years ago, by purchasing the Milford Haven estate.

Sir Hugh was the sole surviving partner of Messrs. James Thomas and Son, land and estate agents, Haverfordwest. He had been Mayor of Haverfordwest from 1909 to 1910 and from 1918 to 1919, was an Alderman of Pembrokeshire County Council, and for many years a trustee of the Haverfordwest charities.

THE REV. JAMES ORR.

The death occurred last Monday of the Rev. James Orr, Eglantine avenue, Belfast. Mr. Orr, who was aged 81, served as Methodist minister in Athlone, Longford, Ballyshannon, Fermoy, Mohill, Aughnacloy, Limavady, Stewartstown, and Killeshandra. He retired from active work in 1906, but retained connection with the University road Church, Belfast. His eldest son is the Rector of Gilford. Two brothers, who predeceased him, were members of the Primitive Wesleyan Methodist ministry.

NORTHERN TROOP CHANGES.

WEST KENTS' LONG PERIOD IN IRELAND.

The 1st Battalion of the Durham Light Infantry arrived by special steamer at Belfast yesterday, and later the 2nd Battalion Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment left for England.

Arrived at Queen's road terminus of the County Down Railway from Ballykinlar, the West Kents smartly disembarked and, headed by the band and pipers of the Seaforth Highlanders, marched over Queen's Bridge and by Donegall quay to the troop steamer awaiting them.

Evidence of the well-established popularity of the battalion was shown on all sides. The officers and men were apparently pleased with the reception accorded along the route. It was in June, 1921, that the battalion arrived at Kingstown from Dover, and they were transferred to Ballykinlar from Dublin at the latter end of January, 1922. For short periods detachments of the regiment were stationed during 1922 and 1923 at Newry, Fivemiletown and Armagh.

The 1st Battalion of the Durham Light Infantry is under the command of Colonel A. E. Irvine, C.M.G., D.S.O.

PUBLIC SERVICE.

LORD CURZON'S MESSAGE TO UNIONISTS.

The Marquess Curzon of Kedleston, Grand Master, has addressed the following New Year's message to the members of the Primrose League:—

The end of the past year has witnessed an immense and glorious change in the fortunes of the Unionist Party, and, as we think, in those of the country and the Empire. A Conservative administration has again been installed in power by an overwhelming majority of the electors of the United Kingdom, a result to which the energies of the Primrose League made no small contribution.

So far as can be foreseen, there lie before us some years of office, and therefore of opportunity. How shall we use it? It is not enough to boast that the institutions which are our watchword will be safe, or that the danger of socialistic experiments is temporarily averted. There must be no standing still. Great problems require to be handled, serious abuses to be swept away, important reforms to be carried out.

The opportunity presented to our Party must be used for public service in the highest and widest sense of the word—service for the Empire, whose trustees we are, and whose influence for world-wide good it will be our duty to develop and strengthen; service to the cause of peace, and unity among the nations; service to every class of the community, who have a right to regard the Government as their Government; service, above all, to the millions who struggle and suffer, and who look to those whom they have helped to place in power to alleviate their ills and to brighten their lot. May we prove ourselves worthy of this great trust.

CURZON OF KEDLESTON.

TO-DAY'S ENGAGEMENTS.

Gaiety Theatre—"Cinderella," 2 and 7.30 p.m.
Theatre Royal—"Puppets," 6.45 and 9 p.m.
Olympia Theatre—"Babes in the Wood," 7 and 9.
Queen's Theatre—"Puss-in-Boots," 6.50 and 9.
Abbey Theatre—"The Glorious Uncertainty," 8.
Tivoli Theatre—Dixie Minstrels, 6.45 and 9 p.m.
La Scala Theatre—"Nellie," 4, 6.30, and 9 p.m.
Metropole Cinema—"Those Who Dance," 2.30, 4.45, 7, and 9.15 p.m.
Grafton Picture House—"The Reckless Age."
Carlton Cinema—"Rupert of Hentzau."
Grand Central Cinema—"The Net."
Bohemian Picture Theatre—"Stepping Fast," 4.30 to 10.30 p.m.
Princess Cinema, Rathmines—"A Gentleman of Leisure," 3 to 10.30 p.m.
Pavilion, Dun Laoghaire—"A Boy of Flanders," 3 to 10.15 p.m.
Royal Dublin Society—Lecture, College of Surgeons, 4 p.m.
Children's Carnival—Mansion House, 4 to 8 p.m.
Dublin Union Commissioners, 11 a.m.
Great Southern Railway Company—Extraordinary Meeting, 38 Dame Street, 2 p.m.
Thanksgiving Service—Pro-Cathedral, 4 p.m.

COURT AND PERSONAL.

The Queen has appointed Lady Desborough to be Lady of the Bedchamber in the room of the Countess Fortescue, who resigned recently, and is now gazetted an Extra Lady of the Bedchamber. Lady Elizabeth Hesketh Prichard has been appointed a Woman of the Bedchamber, in succession to the late Lady Elizabeth Dawson.

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On Christmas Day the Duke of Connaught, with his Aide-de-Camp, drove from the Villa les Bruyères to Mont-Boron, where he visited the Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital. He was received by the resident doctor, the matron, and nursing staff, and made a tour of the wards, pausing to talk to many of the patients, and expressing his approval of all the arrangements.

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Viscount Trematon, only son of the Earl of Athlone and Princess Alice, will leave England at the end of next month to join his parents at Government House, Capetown. The Earl and Countess of Macclesfield will travel by the same steamer, and will stay with the Governor-General and Princess Alice.

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The Marchioness of Blandford, the Countess of Pembroke and Montgomery, the Hon. Lady Lawrence, and Captain Humphrey de Trafford were the sponsors at the baptism of Lord and Lady Hillingdon's little daughter, which took place on Sunday at St. Nicholas's Church, Pottersbury, Northamptonshire. The infant, who received the name of Marygold, is the third daughter of Lord and Lady Hillingdon and great-grand-daughter of the late Earl Cadogan.

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The Earl and Countess of Mar and Kellie spent Christmas with the Earl and Countess of Shaftesbury at St. Giles's House, near Salisbury, and left London yesterday for Cannes. Later in the spring they will go to Ottawa for the marriage of their son, Captain the Hon. Francis Erskine, whose engagement to Miss Phyllis Burstall was announced recently.

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The Countess of Longford is in residence at North Aston Hall, Oxfordshire, where her mother, the Dowager Countess of Jersey, is staying with her at present. Viscountess Gort has arrived in London for a short stay. The Earl and Countess of Derby, accompanied by the Hon. Oliver and Lady Maureen Stanley, have left London for Paris *en route* for Cannes. Viscount and Viscountess Grey of Fallodon have arrived at Villars, where the winter sports opened a fortnight ago.

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Among the Irish visitors at Mentone are Captain Frank Wylie and Miss Wylie, Mr. and Mrs. C. Wise, Mr. and Mrs. George Newcomen, Mrs. Dowdall, Mr. and Mrs. James Gill, Colonel Whyte, Mrs. and the Misses Graham, Major Dunn, Mrs. A. M. Walker, Miss Ada Hutchinson, Miss Cochrane, Mrs. Fagan, and Mr. P. Mason.

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Mary Lady Mowbray and Stourton and the Honble. Misses Stourton have left Ireland for London and Biarritz.

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Doctor F. W. Kennedy has returned to 3 Pery square, Limerick.

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Mrs. Jeffers has returned to 202 Great Brunswick street.

Waterford Hunt Ball—Owing to the large number of tickets already sold, no more will be offered.—T. H. Gallwey, J. L. Richardson, Hon. Secretaries.

Furs at Switzers. High-grade stock of Coats and Stoles, in all fashionable furs, offered at most moderate prices.
New Year Gifts—Choice Furs, always acceptable.—W. Holmes, Dublin, Ltd., 69, 70, 71 South Great George's street.
Lovely Dance Frocks for New Year Festivities at Holmes', George's street.
Gifts in profusion in each section at Holmes', George's street.
Perfection in Millinery, Atkinson's Irish Poplin.—31 College Green, Dublin.
Chancellor and Son, Photographers, New Electric Studio, 7 Grafton street, Dublin.
Sale of Model Costumes, Overcoats, and Furs at greatly reduced prices at W. Leon's, 133 Stephen's Green.

PASSENGERS ON ROYAL MAIL STEAMERS.

Arrivals—Mrs. R. Pierce Roberts, E. Sydney Crawford, William Buckland, Mrs. J. R. Blood, A. B. de Lacey Marshall, Captain T. E. Ryan, Maurice Davis, Miss E. J. Tracey, F. H. Penfold, M. C. Glasgow, Mrs. Hopkins, Mr. H. Craig, Mrs. Craig, R. Bunyan, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Potterton, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bradley, Miss D. Bradley.

Departures—Major and Mrs. H. G. Sealy, Miss E. Pike, Mrs. Adcock, Miss Elinor Adcock, Miss S. G. Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Greene, B. Sealy, L. Sealy, Norah F. Jameson, David Karmel, Miss M. Karmel, A. V. Cathcart, R. H. Johnston, W. Johnston, R. A. Oliver, Dr. MacDonnell, Miss Mary Owens, R. St. J. Lyburn, Miss Gladys Knox, S. G. Reeves, Miss Sylvia Reeves, Miss Evelyn MacEvoy, Flight-Lieutenant F. J. Mawdesley, Lieutenant R. Y. Burges, R.N.; Mrs. M. R. Jenkins, R. G. F. Jenkins, Mrs. G. F. Brunskill, Mr. and Mrs. Franks, Dr. Sybil Stanton, Evelyn Lee.

Other Arrivals and Departures will be found in "Dublin and the Provinces."

McBirney and Co.'s Great Winter Sale commences to-morrow (Thursday, January 1st).
A Great Sale of Boys' and Youths' High-class Clothing and Outfitting begins to-day at "Our Boys'" House, 24 Wicklow street.
Genuine Reductions in Millinery. All models at cost, next few days. Cathcart, 26 Dawson st.

To Ladies.—Elastic Stockings, Belts and Medical Appliances. Special department for ladies on 1st floor. Female attendant.—Fannin and Co., 41 Grafton st.
Davis and Co. beg to announce that their Annual Winter Sale commences on to-morrow (Thursday), January 1st. Genuine reductions in all departments.—48 Grafton street.

WEATHER FORECAST.

General Inference. — There is still a very deep depression near Iceland, but Tuesday's intense secondary has passed across the British Isles to the Continent. In its rear winds will be south-westerly to westerly, strong at times, and there will be considerable bright periods, with passing showers of rain or hail, and, in the North, of snow. The temperature, generally, will be rather low.

Ireland.—Strong or high squally south-westerly to westerly winds; passing showers of hail or snow, with bright intervals; thunder locally; visibility good; cold.

All Irish Seaboards. — Wind westerly or south-westerly, strong or high at times; squally; considerable fine periods; passing showers; visibility mainly very good, sea rough.

Dixon and Hempenstall, Barometers and Forecasters, 12 Suffolk street, Dublin.—(Advt)

BAROMETER.

Dublin—Tuesday (5 p.m.) 29.50

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To-day.... Rises	8.40	Sets	....	4.16
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NATIONAL GALLERY OF IRELAND.

THE KUNO MEYER PORTRAIT.

The National Gallery of Ireland have acquired, and will shortly hang for public view, the portrait which was painted by Mr. Augustus John of the late Dr. Kuno Meyer, the well-known German-Irish scholar.

The portrait, with an address, was presented to Dr. Meyer when he left Liverpool in 1911, to take up the Professorship of Celtic Studies and Languages in Berlin. Hung at the Exhibition of the Royal Hibernian Academy in 1912, it attracted considerable attention as a fine example of Mr. Augustus John's vigorous work.

In the *Irish Review* of the time, Mr. W. S. Sinclair described the portrait as "a work justifying the whole art of painting, carrying with it the conviction of the permanent necessity for the artist." There were others, however, who held a contrary view, and the qualities and merits of the work formed the subject of discussion in the different schools of painting.

Mr. Churchill will propose the toast of "Canada" at the Wolfe birthday dinner at Westerham on Friday.

LONDON LETTER.

THE AMBASSADORS' DECISION.

59 FLEET STREET, LONDON,
TUESDAY NIGHT.

The draft of the preliminary Note with regard to the postponement of the Cologne evacuation, to be sent by the Ambassadors' Conference to Germany, was received at the Foreign Office this morning, and was considered there and at the War Office. Similar drafts are being considered by the Allied Governments, and all must be returned to the Ambassadors' Conference to-morrow with any amendments that may have been made. The Note then will be sent to Berlin in the name of all the Allied Governments and not in that of the Ambassadors' Conference. The document, as expected, states that evacuation will not take place in view of the established fact that Germany has failed to comply with the disarmament clauses of the Treaty of Versailles. A further Note will be sent to Berlin when the Ambassadors' Conference is in possession of the report of the Inter-Allied Mission of Control.

Mr. Churchill.

Mr. Churchill is back at the Treasury after his short holiday, and his department is one of the busiest of all Government offices; for everything has to be in order for his departure on Monday next for Paris to attend the Conference of Allied Finance Ministers. He is to be accompanied by Sir Otto Neimeyer, the Controller of Finance. These two astute men will have the case of Great Britain at their finger-tips; for it has been in preparation at the Treasury for two months. It deals with the apportionment of the Ruhr receipts and the Dawes annuity, and the point has been reached when the Treasury will be able to answer the claim of the United States that it shall share in these receipts. A draft intimation, which has the approval of the French Government, has been prepared, stating conclusively that the United States has no legal claim to a share in these receipts, though on the ground of equity the claim may be admitted.

Inter-Allied Debts.

The position with regard to Inter-Allied indebtedness is not in such a satisfactory state. There is a prospect, however, that the atmosphere may be clarified by the meeting in Paris. Some of the statements of M. Clementel, the French Finance Minister, have caused anxiety in the United States and disappointment in London; but it remains to be seen whether they are to bear the interpretations which have been placed upon them, and, if so, whether the French point of view will be amended as a result of the presentation of the British case. Financial circles in the City of London are most optimistic regarding the coming year, the hope being that it will see a greater development of the world recovery. The rise in sterling in New York is getting so near to parity that the possibility of a speedy return to a gold standard once again is regarded as possible, and, though such an anticipation is certainly premature, the possibility will be considered by the Stock Exchange in the course of the new year, and the value of securities will be marked up sooner or later. The initial step already has been taken, and a bigger advance may be expected.

London's Weather.

After a night of gales and rain London awoke this morning to another wretched day, with more gales and more rain. The higher reaches of the Thames are now becoming dangerous, and the damage threatens to be serious. At Chertsey the river is a rushing torrent, nearly a mile wide. Floods are out in every low-lying district, and grow worse hourly. The very heavy rainfalls of to-day will add greatly to the difficulties of the situation. It seems that a wet and miserable year intends to finish as it began, and to round off a most unhappy record. The damage done to the telephone service is greater than ever reported, and no fewer than one hundred and two faults were recorded on the inland telephone trunk services to-day, while twelve out of the fourteen lines to Paris were out of order.

A Strange Contrast.

Indefinite delays were the rule to all distant places from London. The London exchanges had about twenty lines out of every hundred affected, while at Richmond four hundred and ninety-one lines were ineffective, and at Dalston sixty-one lines were down. The work falling on the telephone maintenance staff is very heavy, since in many cases the men have to travel a considerable distance before locating the breakdown or the fault, while the recurring gales keep adding to the work. An extraordinary contrast to the floods up the river was afforded at Woolwich this morning, when there was so little water in the river that traffic was held up. Just after ten o'clock it was noticed that the ferry boat lying at a pier was drawing no water, and an hour later another ferry boat was grounded a few yards from the pier. This was laden with vehicles and foot passengers, and much inconvenience was caused, since the boat could not be moved until 12.30. Such an event has happened only once before in thirty years, and it is attributed to the strong South-West wind blowing the water back into the estuary.

Christmas Delays.

Much will be heard of the Christmas breakdown at the General Post Office when Parliament meets; for the loss has been very considerable. In a number of the London sub-offices parcels of poultry and game have been held up until they have become impossible, while the smell is terrible. Letters and parcels posted before Christmas are still being delivered, and the feelings of the recipients can be better imagined than described. It is said that the breakdown is due entirely to a failure to make use of the auxiliary men. These were kept waiting for many hours before Christmas Day, but were given no work, while on the day itself they were suddenly called up. At the sorting offices the staffs are still working desperately to wipe off arrears, and it is hoped that everything will be cleared by Thursday.

Good from Evil.

Chlorine gas, the terror of the late war, is now being used in the West End of London as a cure for colds, bronchitis and lung trouble generally. At a demonstration given by a specialist a woman with a very bad cold underwent the treatment. She inhaled the poison gas from a kind of air pump, the gas being tasteless, non-irritant, and drawn with deep breaths into the mouth and lungs and exhaled through the nostrils. After the treatment all trace of the cold had vanished, and a cough that had lasted for weeks disappeared. The specialist was of opinion that medical science is entering upon an era in which influenza epidemics, colds and bronchitis will be cured as soon as they appear.

An Army Shortage.

There is a shortage of candidates for Woolwich and Sandhurst, and the reason advanced is that life in the Army is too expensive for the average parent. A young subaltern must have an allowance in addition to his pay, or he will get into debt, since it cannot cover all the expenses he must meet. It is unlikely, however, that there will be any increase; for the opinion of the War Office is that there is no profession that treats its beginners so well. Everything possible has been done to keep down subscriptions and other payments, while messing expenses have been reduced to a minimum.

The Prince of Wales and Prince Henry were at the meet of the West Norfolk Foxhounds.

TRADE BOOM IN BRITAIN.

POUND WORTH 19S. 6D.

BEST FIGURES FOR 5½ YEARS.

NEW HIGH RECORD.

AMERICAN DESIRE FOR RETURN TO PAR.

THE pound sterling reached a new high record yesterday, and is now worth, roughly, 19s. 6d. in New York. This is the record figure since the sterling exchange on New York was decontrolled in March, 1919. The following figures will illustrate the recovery of the £:—

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Gold par	4.86⅔	to the £.
Yesterday	4.73⅞-¾	„
Monday	4.73⅞	„
Feb. 23, 1923 (previous best)	4.72½	„
January, 1924	4.20	„
December, 1919	3.80	„
December, 1920	3.51	„

It is anticipated in financial circles in London that the £ will fetch 4.75 dollars early in the New Year. The rise has been rapid since the Conservative Government was returned to power in England, largely as the result of purchases of sterling on New York account, and it is being facilitated by the recent American exports of gold to Europe.

In the return of the United States Federal Reserve system for the week ended December 24th a reduction of 41,200,000 dollars is shown in the gold reserve, and it is believed that for the first time for many months December will show an outflow on balance of about 40,000,000 dollars of the precious metal, whereas for the eleven months to the end of November this year there had been a net influx of 287,000,000 dollars.

CONFLICT OF VIEWS.

There is now a depreciation of under 3 per cent. The question is: Will the small interval between the present rate and the parity of 4.86 2-3 be bridged shortly, and, if so, how?

Here there is conflict of views. Some people favour official action by way of an announcement of the British Government's intention to return in the near future to the gold standard, with provisions for meeting any signs of reaction in the exchange.

Other financial experts say that the only safe and wise course is to let the exchange look after itself, and that Britain should give all her attention to the development of trade and to means of expediting the reduction of her obligations to the United States.

There is very little doubt that America desires Britain to get back to parity, because of the beneficial results which would follow for her as well as for Great Britain. No doubt, it is the knowledge of this American desire which leads some people to think that the recent steady rise of the value of the £ has been consciously helped by American monetary policy.

SOUND BUDGETING.

At any rate, the position is due mainly to Britain's determination to follow deflation and sound budgeting, and to the other sacrifices involved in arranging her external debt; and comparison with other great countries which declined to tread this hard road shows that Britain has gained by her resolution.

The danger of the past three or four years has been an attempt to go too quickly; and that may become a more pressing danger if the progress to parity is hurried by official action.

How substantial has been the progress made by British trade during the autumn is proved by the latest figures of the London Bankers' Clearing House. The returns are "up" by no less than £2,600,000,000 as compared with last year. The complete bankers' returns for 1924 will be issued to-morrow, and they are expected to be £39,000,000,000—a total equal to that of the trade boom year of 1920.

TRADE REVIVAL.

There has been a steady improvement in British trade during the past few months, and the rise of the pound is quoted by some financial experts as being an indication of a still greater increase in the volume of exports during the coming year.

The Federation of British Industries predicts that a world trade revival is on the way, while the British Department of Overseas Trade, which can measure accurately prospective demands of the Dominions and foreign nations on British manufacturers and producers, states that "the signs are altogether hopeful for the year ahead. We should see a strong improvement in all overseas markets."

Already half of the shipping which was lying idle in Great Britain at the beginning of 1924 has found employment, and the quantity laid-up is but 2 per cent. of the total British mercantile fleet.

FRANCE'S FINANCIAL POSITION.

M. CLEMENTEL OPPOSED TO INFLATION.

PARIS, Tuesday.

The agreement between the State and the Bank of France, which provides for the reimbursement of the advances made to the Treasury at the rate of two thousand million francs per annum, was approved by the Senate to-day.

In the course of the debate M. Clementel, Minister of Finance, said that the Government has decided absolutely against inflation. France has reached the limit of the decline in the value of the franc, and a further depreciation must be avoided at all costs. The Government does not contemplate the issue of a new franc, and does not wish to follow the example of Germany and rush into the abyss. France being a country of small savings, the Government must do its utmost to confine the note circulation within its present limits and to develop the productive capacity of France, while diminishing purchases abroad. The Minister concluded by expressing confidence in the recuperative capacity of France.

The Bill ratifying the agreement between the State and the Bank of France was adopted by the Chamber of Deputies yesterday. The Government will devote the proceeds of the one hundred million dollars loan, recently issued, to repayments to the bank, at the rate of exchange of 5.18 francs to the dollar. The balance of the refund to the bank—namely, 682 million francs—will be charged to the Budget.—(Reuter.)

Gold for Germany to the value of 2½ million dollars reached Plymouth from New York.

Mrs. Sage, of Moulin, Perthshire, whose 100th birthday was celebrated on Christmas Day, died on Monday.

LOWER TAXES NEEDED.

GOVERNMENT'S POLICY CRITICISED

BY PROMINENT SUPPORTER.

FROM OUR POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT.

For some time before the adjournment of the Dail a rumour had gained currency that the Christmas recess would bring two further resignations from the Cumann-na-nGaedheal Party. Of the two deputies whose names were mentioned in that connection one is Mr. James O'Mara, the managing director of Messrs. Donnelly, Ltd., Dublin.

It has been fairly well known that Mr. O'Mara, on more than one occasion within and outside the councils of his own party during the last four months, has expressed his dissatisfaction with the policy of the Executive Council on several important questions. It was this knowledge, coupled with the fact that he has been seldom seen at Leinster House within the last few months, that gave rise to the suggestion that he might sever his connection with the party before the new year.

RUMOUR DENIED.

In conversation with me yesterday Mr. O'Mara denied that he has any intention of resigning his seat, and while delivering himself of some blunt criticisms of the policy of the Government, insisted that he has no intention either of withdrawing his support from the Government in the Dail or of resigning his membership of Cumann-na-nGaedheal.

"While I may be far from satisfied with certain aspects of the policy of the Executive, I have not," he said, "any desire to say or do anything that would injure the Government in any way. For one thing, I see no possibility of an alternative Government, except it would be a business men's Government."

Mr. O'Mara went on to say that, while he re-affirmed his allegiance to the present Government and the party to which he belonged, he felt that there were certain criticisms that he should make. His principal criticism was directed against the financial policy of the Executive. "Taxation is far too high," he declared, "and unless the intolerable burden under which the taxpayer suffers is eased materially no industrial progress can be possible."

Some Dublin business men, he pointed out, had to pay a corporation tax of 1s. in the £ and income tax at the rate of 5s. in the £, and that was "too great a price to pay for existence." Too much taxation, too little efficiency in the administration of existing legislation, and the "hot-house" methods of protection devised by the Ministry of Finance contributed, he said, more than anything else to the apparent unpopularity of the Government, or, at any rate, accounted largely for the apathy of the electorate at the recent by-election.

KILLING INDUSTRY.

No industry could survive for any considerable length of time, Mr. O'Mara declared, under the present load of taxation; certainly it could not be expected that business enterprise would be encouraged or stimulated. A continuance of the prevailing rates of taxation would be the most effective way of killing industry and keeping capital out of the country. The present high taxation is also largely responsible, Mr. O'Mara believes, for a great deal of the unemployment in the country.

"I do not believe that anything in the way of subsidies from over-taxation for building or other schemes—like that for the development of the Shannon, for instance, are short cuts to prosperity. These subsidies must necessarily come out of taxation. In other words, they represent money taken from the pockets of the ratepayers. It costs a lot, remember, to collect it, and a good deal more is spent in administering the subsidies, so that really by the time the costs of collection and distribution have been met the scheme which it is proposed to subsidise is much dearer in the long run than it would be if it were undertaken purely as a private enterprise.

"Given anything like reasonable or normal rates of taxation, these schemes would be operated by private enterprise or capital, and with much more benefit to the State and the taxpayers generally. There would be less unemployment, more capital available for the building up of industry, and a substantial reduction in the cost of living."

BUSINESS COMMUNITY.

In further conversation, Mr. O'Mara said that he had always deprecated the unfriendly attitude of the Government towards the business community. "I welcome the somewhat belated change of heart which the Cumann na nGaedheal seems to be undergoing now in inviting business men to associate themselves with the activities of the party, and I hope that, notwithstanding the unfriendly attitude of the Government, the business men will come in, even at this late hour."

Mr. O'Mara mentioned that his criticisms were meant in a purely constructive spirit, and again emphasised his intention of remaining a member of the Ministerial Party.

"The Government undoubtedly deserves every credit," he added, "for having provided security for person and property, which is to my mind the real duty of every Government, but it will have to realise that there are no short roads to national prosperity, and that if we are going to have any progress at all we must have a reduction in taxation."

THE BANK CASE.

CAPTAIN ARTHUR EXAMINED IN PARIS.

PARIS, Tuesday.

Captain Arthur was again examined by the magistrate this afternoon. The hearing dealt particularly with the account of £40,000, which Captain Arthur alleges to have been opened in his name in the Anglo-South American Bank in Paris with money transferred to his credit by Hobbs and Newton, under threat of exposing his relations with a married woman. The magistrate had this account verified at the bank.

It appears that the account was finally closed in January, 1922. The question at issue is whether, if Captain Arthur had any moneys to his account in Paris on January 1, 1922, which were part of the proceeds of the cheque received by Hobbs and Newton from Sir Hari Singh, the Statute of Limitations can be held to apply, since a period of three years has not elapsed between that date and the present proceedings.

It is possible that Captain Arthur's counsel, Maitres Leroy and De Trobiant, will plead that the offence committed was purely an offence under French law, and that only a French court would be competent to try him. In any case, there will be further hearings, and it is to-day stated that there can be no decision on the question of extradition for several weeks.

Meantime the prisoner remains in jail, where he spends most of his time playing chess with a fellow prisoner.—(Reuter.)

FARMING IN SOUTH AFRICA.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

CAPE TOWN, Tuesday.

Interest in the case of "Mr. A." has been intensified here by the news that the Aide de Camp, Captain Arthur, visited Durban in August, 1922, and bought a farm near by for £7,000. He had just lost £50,000 owing to a bank failure in India.

Captain Arthur tried stock-raising, but failed, and returned to Europe in March, 1923, penniless. His farm was lavishly furnished, and contained a fine collection of old family plate.

MR. COSGRAVE'S HOLIDAY.

NICE, Tuesday.

Mr. Cosgrave, President of the Executive Council of the Irish Free State, who has been staying here for the benefit of his health, has moved to a quieter hotel in the neighbourhood of Nice.—(Reuter.)

CURFEW COMES TO AN END.

NORTHERN CABINET'S DECISION.

The Curfew in the Six Counties has been ended. The official announcement that the order made on 6th April, 1923, had been revoked was made yesterday by the Northern Minister of Home Affairs.

The Minister expresses the hope that it will not be necessary to re-impose Curfew on any part of Northern Ireland.

The Curfew was suspended on Christmas Eve until midnight on 3rd January, but in view of the new decision it will not be re-imposed on the latter date.

Satisfaction is expressed, says our Belfast Correspondent, that the state of the country permits the suspension of an order which restricted the liberty of the people between the hours of midnight and 5 a.m.

The order was not without its advantages, and the cost of policing the six counties was greatly reduced during its existence, and people generally had a sense of security.

The raising of the Curfew will be welcomed by the seaside population, who have frequently called for its removal, holding that it forced people to patronise cross-Channel holiday centres.

BY-ELECTIONS.

LABOUR TO CONTEST SEATS.

BY OUR POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT.

It is probable that at least one of the forthcoming by-elections will be contested by a representative of the Labour Party. Only one candidate has been selected by the Republican Party for North Dublin, where there are two vacancies, but there is reason to believe that a fourth participant in the contest will be provided by the Labour Party.

Some time ago a conference of workers was held to consider the advisability of putting forward candidates, and I am informed that the meeting was unanimously of the opinion that some of the seats ought to be contested, and that conventions to select candidates should be held as soon as possible.

The Republican Party has decided not to nominate a second candidate for North Dublin, so that the contestants in this constituency will probably be two representatives of Cumann na nGaedheal, one Republican nominee, and one nominee of the Labour Party. It is expected that the Labour candidate will be selected within the coming week. A Labour Convention will also be held at Bagnalstown on the 11th January for the purpose of discussing the selection of a Labour candidate for Carlow-Kilkenny.

"If some of the seats in the coming elections are not contested by us we would have no use in telling ourselves that we are seriously endeavouring to gain our rightful share in the administration of the country," one member of the Labour Party told me last night.

Yesterday a Cumann na nGaedheal convention at Ballina selected Professor Michael Tierney as the Ministerial candidate for North Mayo. Mr. Tierney, it will be remembered, was defeated in the November by-election by Dr. Madden, the Republican nominee, who was returned by a majority of less than three hundred votes. Yesterday's convention was attended by about eighty delegates, and before the proceedings concluded subscriptions amounting to over £200 were handed in.

With the exception of South Dublin, candidates for all the constituencies have now been selected by the Republican Party. They are:—North Dublin, Oscar Traynor; Cavan, Philip Baxter; Roscommon, J. T. O'Kelly; Sligo-Leitrim, Frank O'Byrne and Samuel Holt; North Mayo, Thomas Derry; Carlow-Kilkenny, Michael Barry.

It is expected that the selection of a candidate for South Dublin will be made before Friday.

By a Roscommon correspondent I am informed that locally there is some uncertainty as to whether Mr. Martin Conlan will agree to stand as the Cumann na nGaedheal candidate fo Roscommon. At the Convention on Sunday, when Mr. Conlan was selected, strong efforts, it appears, were made by some of the delegates to secure a postponement of the meeting pending the result of the negotiations for reconciliation with the National group. The name of Mr. H. Grogan, of Castlerea, a local leader of the old Nationalist movement, is now mentioned as a likely Ministerial nominee, should Mr. Conlan withdraw.

TROTSKY MYSTERY.

NO CONFIRMATION OF REPORTED ARREST.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

RIGA, Tuesday.

There is no confirmation here of reports circulated in Berlin and other quarters that Trotsky has been placed under arrest and lodged in the Kremlin.

It, however, appears to be true that Trotsky has returned to Moscow from the Crimea, where he had gone to recuperate his health, fearing that the attempt to depose him from his position as Commissary for War would be successful.

Information from Moscow is to the effect that any attempt to arrest Trotsky would be resisted by the Red Army.

FRANCE'S WAR DEBTS.

MR. COOLIDGE DEPRECATES HASTY ACTION.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday.

President Coolidge made it known to-day that he would deprecate any hasty action in connection with the French war debt.

There has been no formal negotiations so far between the United States and France, and it is intimated that no American representative has been authorised to discuss debts at the forthcoming conference in Paris of Allied Finance Ministers.

At the same time the Government at Washington is watching developments very closely, and it is hinted very plainly that if France shows a disposition to repudiate her debt, influence will be brought to bear against the flotation of further French loans in this country.

JAPANESE STEAMER ON FIRE.

Lloyd's New York agent cabled yesterday: American steamer, Julia Luckenbach, reported by wireless that at 2 a.m. yesterday it was 100 miles south of Manzanillo, on the Pacific coast of Mexico, taking the passengers and crew off the burning Japanese steamer Ginyo Maru.

The Ginyo Maru, 8,600 tons gross, owned by a Yokohama firm, is bound from Valparaiso and Panama for Hong Kong.

BOXER CONVICTED OF MANSLAUGHTER.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

LOS ANGELES, Tuesday.

After deliberating for seventy-eight hours, the jury convicted Kid McCoy, the boxer, of manslaughter in connection with the death of Mrs. Theresa Mors, the divorced wife of a local millionaire antique merchant.

McCoy faces a sentence of from one to ten years' imprisonment.

Commenting upon the verdict of the jury, McCoy to-day reasserts his innocence, and declared that he will appeal.

CONFUSION AT LAW COURTS.

LEGAL BUSINESS DELAYED.

NEW RULES STILL UNPUBLISHED.

THE DIFFICULTIES OF SOLICITORS.

Free State solicitors are complaining with regard to the long continuance of the confusion due to the absence of Rules of Court for the new Courts set up under the Act passed last summer.

The lack of rules causes inconvenience in a multitude of ways in regard to daily routine. There are, however, major difficulties which obscure the minor irritations.

It is well known that the new Courts differ in their jurisdictions from those which were superseded. The Circuit Court, for example, has jurisdiction in cases involving sums up to £300, whereas the general limit of County Court jurisdiction was £50. Although the new extent of jurisdiction is prescribed plainly in the Courts of Justice Act, it appears that solicitors are at a loss to know what procedure they should take with regard to cases which formerly would have been High Court actions, but may now be within the jurisdiction of the Circuit Court.

OLD CUSTOM FOLLOWED.

In the absence of the guidance which they expect from Rules of Court, the tendecy is, where the matter cannot be delayed, to follow old custom and issue writs in the High Court in all cases over the former County Court limit. The same question crops up in another way when a writ is received, the solicitor being then in doubt whether an application should be made to remit the action to the Circuit Court. In a few cases such applications have been made, and the proceedings have been watched anxiously by the profession, in the hope that some guidance might be obtained from the decision or remarks of the judges. It cannot be said that they have obtained it, as in no case has the ruling as to costs indicated censure on the party responsible for bringing the action in the High Court, when the absence of direction by rules has been pleaded.

In this state of confusion, a great amount of legal business is held up; solicitors are unwilling to risk doing the wrong thing. The serious part of this situation is that the greater part of the business so affected relates to commerce, and the consequent dislocation of the process of law is far-reaching in its effects.

In cases that are clearly for the High Court the difficulties are not so great, because old rules are being followed to a great extent, pending the propounding of new rules.

The increased chances of getting a case remitted to the lower Court are, however, capable of serving the interests of debtors in one way which may be mentioned. In the High Court, judgment in a debt case may be obtained on an affidavit by the plaintiff that the sum is due and that there is no defence. There is no corresponding practice in the Circuit Court, where the debt must be proved in evidence. In the latter case, the expense of sending witnesses, perhaps from England or elsewhere, might easily exceed the amount of the debt; consequently the matter is dropped, with advantage to the immediate debtor but injury to the credit system. A Circuit Court rule analogous to that of the High Court is wanted quickly.

DISTRICT COURT CONFUSION.

In the District Court, two main occasions of confusion have been noted. One is due to the absence of rules as to the procedure in cases where an appeal or a case stated is desired; and the other is due to the addition of jurisdiction in civil matters which were unknown in connection with the former Petty Sessions. The staffs transferred from Petty Sessions and magistrates' offices are, of course, even more in the dark as to the best way of proceeding in regard to business that is entirely new to them, than are the officers of the other courts whose business, by comparison, has been varied in degree more than in kind.

The amounts of fees for the various court operations form another matter of importance left unsettled, an obvious cause of inconvenience.

Further explanation of difficulties and inconveniences caused by the present confusion would be cumbrous and dull. Persons concerned are depressed by the prospect that they must continue without relief for some time to come. The rule-making authority for all the courts is the Minister for Justice, but he must have the concurrence of the Minister for Finance in matters involving public revenue or expenditure, and the concurrence or assistance of a committee in respect of each court. The Committees, which include, besides judges of the respective courts, representatives of the Bar and the solicitor profession, were constituted in September last. According to rumour, only slow progress is being made in the framing of rules. The subjects involved afford plenty of ground for contention, and as the work is entirely in the hands of persons whose whole professional training has been in the ways of contention, points of difference are probably not being settled with great speed. At all events, draft rules have not yet reached the Minister for Justice. When they do reach him, he may have occasion to refer them back, either on his own account or on account of the Minister for Finance. The draft approved by the Minister must then be submitted to both Houses of the Oireachtas, and cannot come into operation until both Houses have passed a resolution of approval. The Houses will not meet until February, and even if the rules were to be ready for laying before them on their re-assembly, members would require time for examination.

QUESTION OF SPECIAL DRESS.

People who are concerned personally with the despatch of legal business are apt to connect the Rules of Court simply with such matters as mode of address of judges, and the robes and official dress to be worn by the Bench and Bar. These matters are of some significance with respect to public appreciation of the authority of the courts, and, doubtless, with the question of "the use of national language of Saorstat Eireann in the said courts," are among those on which it is difficult for the Committees to come to a conclusion. The absence of rules on these matters is, however, not of such pressing importance as the lack of guidance for the profession in regard to the ordinary working of the courts and court offices on the machinery of actions, processes, and judgments. It is curious to note that while the judges in the new courts do not wear the wigs or robes as their predecessors did, members of the Bar continue to wear their traditional dress in all courts. There is a story—probably malicious and untrue—that the present Chief Justice reprimanded a barrister for some slight irregularity in dress when appearing in court. New barristers, it is noted, have acquired, and wear the customary "official dress."

Rules of Court, it may be recalled, govern the exercise of jurisdiction as regards pleadings, practice and procedure generally, including liability as to costs. The entering up of judgment and granting of summary judgment; and the times for taking steps in the courts; provide for the hearing of appeals and cases stated; regulate the sessions, vacations, circuits and sittings of the courts; and appoint the forms of process, summons, case stated, and the conditions to be complied with for a case stated or an appeal in civil, criminal, and licensing cases; and deal with the fixing and collection of fees.

In regard to many of these matters there are old rules which can be made the basis of a new set; but some wholly new matters have to be faced, such as proceedings as to the validity of any law having regard to the provisions of the Constitution and proceedings in the nature of a petition of right; the operations of the Central Criminal Court and the Court of Criminal Appeal; and the sending out of Commissions of the High Court Circuit in place of the former Assizes system.

Incidentally, it is certain that the changes in the judicial system and the new Rules of Court will involve a large amount of adaptation and modification of existing statutes, a big task in itself.

ITALIAN CRISIS.

LONG MEETING OF THE CABINET.

ROME, Tuesday.

An urgent meeting of the Council of Ministers, presided over by Signor Mussolini, was held this afternoon, and lasted for three hours. The following *communiqué* was then issued:—

> The Council of Ministers reached a unanimous conclusion regarding the situation created by irresponsible elements, and the consequences, especially those relating to the economic and financial position. The Council also unanimously decided to take all the necessary steps to safeguard the moral and material interests of the country.

The rumours concerning the resignation of several Ministers are semi-officially declared to be untrue. It is pointed out that such reports are disproved by the *communiqué* issued by the Cabinet this afternoon stating that all the decisions taken at the Council of Ministers were unanimous.—(Reuter.)

GERMANY'S SECRET ARMY.

NEW ALLEGATIONS BY THE ALLIES.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

BERLIN, Tuesday.

In the hope of an eleventh hour compromise on the question of the Cologne evacuation, the German Government has instructed its Ambassadors in London, Paris, Rome and Brussels to raise the question again with the Government to which they are accredited.

The view of Dr. Stresemann, the Foreign Secretary, as revealed in a speech he made this afternoon before foreign correspondents in Berlin, is that some solution which satisfied German public opinion and Allied demands alike is even yet possible.

The German Government and public opinion, one fancies, resents the method by which Allied diplomacy has handled the question rather than a prolongation of the occupation itself. Germany, it is held, has been handled in a fashion which recalls the era of sanctions and dictation.

Dr. Stresemann declared that the German Government would never agree to an indefinite prolongation of the Cologne occupation, thereby presumably implying that it might be ready to agree to an extension for a limited period.

Clarity and truth, he declared, were needed in regard to the allegations of Germany's evasion of the disarmament obligations, and, if facts were forthcoming, the German Government would undertake to investigate them, and, if necessary, sternly put an end to grounds for justified complaint. Negotiations rather than sanctions, he seemed to think, represented the only way of settling the question in a manner satisfactory to both sides.

Dr. Streesmann denied that Germany was not disarmed either in a military or a moral sense.

I understand that new information, alleging that secret Army units are being formed in Germany through the volunteer system, has been supplied to the Allies by the Inter-Allied Control Commission, upon whose previous report the Allied decision not to evacuate Cologne was based.

This new information, I gather, contains the charge that Germany is permitting 2,000 young men to volunteer for Army service for three months' periods. After three months they are discharged, but they remain well-trained soldiers. If this charge is substantiated, Germany has thereby violated the Versailles Treaty requirement of an army of 100,000, and has at least 700,000 men ready for military service.

MAYOR AND MAYORESS HOAXED.

A STREAM OF UNWANTED CALLERS.

A hoax which was perpetrated on a big scale caused great annoyance to the Mayor and Mayoress of Boston, Alderman and Mrs. Charles Day, and numerous local tradesmen and residents.

Responding to an "invitation" sent out broadcast, many of the principal inhabitants, including the vicar, clergymen and members of the Corporation, and other public bodies, went at a stated hour yesterday to Teviot Lodge, Sleaford road, Boston, the residence of the Mayor and Mayoress, for a "reception" and introduction to "certain distinguished visitors," who were represented as staying there, only to find that the whole affair was a practical joke.

Local photographers were warned to bring their cameras to make pictorial records of the "function," and the impression was given that the "distinguished visitors" were persons of importance who had arrived at the mother town from the American Boston. The "guests," in cars and on foot, made quite a procession going and coming between the town and the lodge.

Consignments of fish, game, meat, wines, groceries, clothing, boots, and other goods ordered by the "humourist" responsible for the affair had been arriving at Teviot Lodge, where the Mayoress and her servants were kept busy throughout the morning explaining matters and turning the tradesmen away. One of the victims was a coal merchant, who arrived with a trolley of coal.

GENOA BANK ROBBERY.

SHARES FOUND AT MENTONE.

NICE, Tuesday.

When cleaning out a train at Mentone Station this morning a porter found in a first-class carriage a brown paper parcel containing shares to the value of 1,000,900 francs, which are believed to have been part of the proceeds of the recent robbery at the premises of the Italian Commercial Bank at Genoa.—(Reuter.)

FLOUR MILL FIRE IN CANADA.

LONDON, ONTARIO, Tuesday.

The flour mills of Messrs. Hunt Brothers, with 125,000 bushels of wheat and 10,000 barrels of flour, were destroyed by fire to-day, the total loss being estimated at 750,000 dollars.

CAPE TOWN TO CALL BRITISH "LISTENERS-IN."

CAPE TOWN, Tuesday.

For ten minutes, beginning at 11.55 p.m., South African time to-morrow, the Cape Town Broadcasting Station will send New Year greetings to all British stations. The principal speaker will be Sir Frederick de Waal, the Cape Administrator, who will convey cordial greetings to the "old country." There will also be brief messages from the Mayor of Cape Town and the Chairman of the Broadcasting Station.—(Reuter.)

[South African time is one hour fourteen minutes in advance of Greenwich.]

LATE NEWS.

EMPIRE FOREIGN POLICY.

AUSTRALIA'S STEP.

The Government of Australia, with the approval of His Majesty's Government, will shortly appoint a special representative to be attached to the office of the High Commissioner, states *The Times*. It will be the special duty of this official to maintain permanent contact with the Cabinet and with the Foreign and Colonial Offices. He will thus be in the position to keep his Government informed practically day by day of the principal political developments. On the other hand, it will be his duty to place the views of his Government before the respective Departments of the British Government.

The preparatory work for this appointment has been going on for many months, and an official of the Foreign Office, at the invitation of the Australian Government, has paid a visit to Australia to acquaint the staff of the newly-formed department there with the methods and procedure in use in London. It is understood that the new representative arrived in this country about a month ago, and has been unofficially already placed in contact with the Departments interested.

IRISH RAILWAYS.

QUESTION OF RATES AND FARES.

In a leading article on railway developments in 1924, the *Financial News*, referring to the grouping of the railways in the Free State, says:—The financial future of the undertaking depends largely on whether the Free State Government, which has hitherto not shown itself over-sympathetic in the matter, will permit it to charge rates and fares on a reasonable basis. It is true that the Great Southern starts its career with the advantage of a relatively small capital account, the total, including debenture and other prior charge securities, being only about £23,000,000, as the result of writing down nominal capital values of the stocks of the old companies. Less than a quarter of a million is required to pay 3 per cent. on the ordinary stock, but this represents a relatively large net revenue under Irish traffic conditions, and the rates will not, therefore, bear much in the way of reduction.

RUSSIAN FIGHTING AEROPLANES.

LARGE ORDER FOR ENGLAND.

A large order for aeroplane engines of the latest types, to be fitted into fighting aeroplanes for the Russian Soviet Government, has been received in England, says the Air Correspondent of the *Daily Mail*.

The order has not come direct from the Russian authorities, but through constructors on the Continent, who are building the aeroplanes, one of the conditions of the contract being that British motors should be employed. It is stated that throughout Europe the Soviet authorities are placing orders for approximately 1,000 up-to-date machines and motors.

AFTER THE DELUGE.

The meteorologists cannot tell us why 1924 has been so wet. Our sole consolation, says the *Daily Express*, is that the resources of civilisation have enabled us to carry on in the teeth of weather which would have dismayed and disheartened our ancestors. The outlook, nevertheless, is becoming serious, for the inundations have reached a peak which baffles all ordinary calculations and all normal precautions. But there is a budding morrow in midnight, and as 1924 sobs its life out in dashing rains and swirling floods, we look forward to a drier 1925. Nature cannot keep it up for another year.

CANADIAN IMMIGRATION.

OTTAWA, Tuesday.

Immigration to Canada from all sources during the first eleven months of 1924 totalled 121,685 persons, of whom 56,925 were British, 15,587 from the United States, and 49,173 from other countries.—(Reuter.)

ANGLO-AMERICAN LIQUOR TREATY.

NEW YORK, Tuesday.

Federal Judge Winslow has refused the application of the Neptune Association, which comprises officers of American vessels, for a temporary injunction to prevent the enforcement of the Anglo-American Liquor Treaty, allowing British ships to bring liquor into port under seal for the outward voyages. The Association claimed that the Treaty discriminates against the American vessels.—(Reuter.)

BROADCASTING TO BE TAXED.

NEW MOVEMENT IN VIENNA.

VIENNA, Tuesday.

The Municipality of Vienna has to-day asked the management of the Vienna Broadcasting Company to show cause why the latter should not be subjected to the entertainment tax enforced by the city on the organisers of all entertainments and celebrations, casual and regular. The city, which itself is a large shareholder in the Broadcasting Company, is willing, it declares, to compromise in the matter of the amount of the tax, which legally is one of thirty per cent. It is prepared to levy five per cent. only on the amount collected by the concern from its subscribers, only stipulating in return that the Broadcasting Company shall henceforth apply the highest possible standards in the selection of its programmes.—(*Times* Correspondent.)

COST OF PROHIBITION.

AN AMERICAN ESTIMATE.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday.

The House of Representatives has passed and sent to the Senate the Treasury and Post Office Appropriation Bill, involving an expenditure of 763,000,000 dollars.

Of this sum 11,000,000 dollars will be devoted to prohibition enforcement, and nearly half of the 20,000,000 dollars to be expended in connection with the Coastguard service will be employed for curbing rum-running.—(Reuter.)

AMERICAN NAVY'S NEEDS.

AN INVESTIGATION BY CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday.

The Naval Committee of the House of Representatives has decided upon an investigation into the needs of the Navy. Mr. Wilbur, the Secretary of the Navy, will be called before the Committee on January 8th to make recommendations.

President Coolidge is hopeful, but not certain, that it will be possible to hold another International Naval Disarmament Conference within a year. Whenever the time for such a Conference is propitious President Coolidge will exert his influence to bring it about, but at the present juncture he is unable to determine when a Conference might be called with a fair prospect of success.—(Reuter.)

COMMUNIST REVOLT IN ESTHONIA.

NINE HUNDRED SUSPECTS ARRESTED.

REVAL, Tuesday.

At 6 o'clock this morning the police surrounded a factory near the harbour, and after the necessary formalities arrested 135 workmen out of a total of 500 employed there. The arrested men are suspected to have been implicated in the Communist rising of December 1st.

Last night a further six men were arrested, bringing the total number who are to be tried in connection with the revolt up to about 900.—(Reuter.)

IRISH DAIRYING INDUSTRY.

STEPS TO FOSTER IT.

MINISTER'S APPEAL FOR SUPPORT.

EFFICIENCY AND PROFITS.

Speaking at the annual conference of the Irish Dairy Shorthorn Breeders' Society at Mallow yesterday, Mr. P. J. Hogan, Minister for Lands and Agriculture, appealed to farmers to support the Live-Stock Breeding Bill and the Dairy Produce Act.

He estimated that the latter measure—if it were administered successfully—would increase the value of the butter produced in the Free State by £6,000,000 within three years, and that under the Live-Stock Bill it would be possible to increase the milk yield of the average cow from 400 to 600 gallons a year.

500 DELEGATES.

CHAIRMAN ON NEED OF LOANS

Five hundred delegates attended the Conference. The attendance included representatives from the Irish Agricultural Organisation Society, cow testing inspectors, cow testing instructors, members of the Irish Creamery Managers' Association, and delegates from the following counties:—Waterford (11 districts), Limerick (15), Clare (2), Offaly (1), Tipperary (15), Kerry (9), Kilkenny (3), Leitrim (1), Carlow (1), Cavan (1), Wexford (2), Cork (55).

Mr. P. J. Hogan, Minister for Lands and Agriculture; Mr. D. Twomey and Mr. Meyrick, Department of Agriculture; Senator Sir John Keane, and L. Dalton, T.D., were also present.

The Chairman, Mr. P. P. Moloney, Tipperary, extended to the members of Congress a Cead Mile Failte. Alluding to the presence of the Minister of Agriculture, he remarked that if the agricultural legislation recently passed was to bear its full measure of success, Mr. Hogan would have to help the farmer to put his house in order. That could be done by means of loans from the Board of Works, as in the past.

The annual report of the Executive Committee stated that there were in the Free State about 1,250,000 dairy cows, and that non-pedigree dairy cattle comprised fully 98 per cent. of the total. Only 3 per cent of the dairy cows were regularly tested to ascertain their yields of milk and butter fat, while "wild horses could not drag from our Government more than a miserable grant of £12,000 or £14,000 (or 2½d. for each of our dairy cows) for the purpose of extending the scheme of cow testing." If adopted, that scheme would add £7,000,000 to the income of dairy farmers in a short time. At present there were 178 cow testing associations, with a membership of 3,527 and 43,250 cows on test. Twenty-five new associations had been formed during the past year, and 7,200 additional cows had been placed on test.

The report and statement of accounts having been adopted, Mr. Nicholas Fitzgerald, Bonmahon, Co. Waterford, incoming President, took the chair. Senator MacLysaght was elected Vice-President. Mr. W. O'Callaghan was re-elected Hon. Treasurer, and Mr. P. J. Halliden Hon. Secretary.

MINISTER'S ADDRESS.

Mr. Hogan, having expressed his pleasure at being able to discuss agricultural problems with such a body as that, dealt specially with the Dairy Produce Act and Live Stock Breeding Bill. Some creameries, he said, made choice butter and got fancy prices for it. A long step forward would be taken if they could see that every consignment of butter would be first-class of its kind; that it would fetch the best price in its market, and that a proper share of that price would go to the farmer. It should not be assumed that because of that legislation they would secure a monopoly in the markets, because legislation of a similar kind was being introduced abroad. Legislation would merely enable Irish dairy produce to hold its own in the markets of the world. They could not afford to put an Act into operation and merely leave things as they were. The Department of Agriculture would stand ready to co-operate wherever it could be shown that its co-operation was necessary or desirable.

With regard to the Dairy Produce Act, there was a distinction between registered and non-registered premises. Premises that required to be registered were creameries, factories, and those of manufacturing exporters. Premises that did not require to be registered were those of farmers who did not make butter for export. To both classes of premises certain conditions applied—namely, those of cleanliness, order and suitability. A most important condition in that connection was the requirement for a minimum standard of machinery and equipment. There was an appeal against every condition except want of cleanliness.

"We realise," said Mr. Hogan, "that we cannot administer the Act efficiently unless we have the co-operation of all concerned. We are anxious to get the advice of all concerned, and we hope that the consulting council will be one important medium for getting this advice. I am insisting that the best men representing every interest will be on that council. Any Minister who would turn down the advice of such a council would find his position impossible."

Regarding the Live Stock Breeding Bill which he hoped would be law by the end of February, Mr. Hogan said that after the appointed day no bull except a licensed bull could stand for service. A bull could be refused a licence because it was calculated to beget inferior stock, or because it was diseased or was unsuitable to the district. The last point, though least important, had caused most confusion. It would not be sound policy to allow non-Kerry bulls into Kerry breeding districts, or a bull like the Jersey or Friesian into Limerick. There was no warranty for the theory that the Department would not licence any but pure bred bulls.

There were at present in the country 33,000 bulls, of which 3,000 only were pure bred. The remainder were practically all shorthorns, and all of them could get a licence if they were not diseased or otherwise defective. Cross-bred Hereford or Aberdeen Angus would not be licensed, not because they were non-pedigree, but because they were calculated to beget inferior produce.

COST OF ADMINISTRATION.

The licence fee of five shillings would raise a sum of £7,000, and the balance of the cost of administration, amounting to about £6,000, would be borne by the State. Where licences were refused, the Minister could be asked to appoint a referee. It was intended that bulls would be inspected in the spring and autumn. He hoped that the appointed day would be 1st August. After that date

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all the old bulls would be inspected, and only new bulls would come on later. Inspections would take place at convenient centres.

"What," asked the Minister, "are the possibilities in terms of cash in regard to these schemes?" At present, he said, answering the question, the average milk yield was 400 gallons per annum. He believed it would be possible to increase that to 600 gallons in about three years. At the creamery price of 6½d. per gallon, that would mean £6,000,000 a year for butter alone. That expectation could be fulfilled if they meant it, and if they organised for it. He had no doubt that the Dairy Produce Bill, if whole-heartedly administered, would bring an increase in butter of at least £5,000,000 and more, probably £8,000,000, within three years. If they had cows producing 600 gallons it would be worth while growing more mangels. They could do winter dairying. But for the successful administration of the Act they required the help of organised farmers.

The policy of the Department of Agriculture was based on the fact that, in the main, Irish agriculture was right, and that what it most needed was development. If they began to build on the foundations already laid, they would have done something, not only for themselves, but for the economic independence of the country, on which every other form of independence rested. (Applause.)

EDUCATION.

Professor C. Boyle surveyed Ireland's system of agricultural education, compared it with the systems adopted in other agricultural countries, and indicated the lines along which he considered that it ought to be developed.

He said that there were in the Free State 133,269 holdings over 30 acres in extent. It should be the ultimate aim to provide the owner of every one of these holdings with a course of instruction in the science of his calling. Assuming that 30 years was the average administrative life of every holder, 4,442 pupils should receive agricultural instruction every year. In the year 1921-1922 the total enrolment at the winter agricultural classes was 577, while the number of pupils resident in agricultural colleges and schools was 147, making a total of 724.

The demand for agricultural education was disappointing. In Denmark the demand came from the farmers through their various agricultural societies. Those societies exercised a very great influence on the education of their members. Apart from the direct financial benefit which many of them conferred, they provided opportunities for meetings and discussions which broadened the outlook of individuals who would otherwise tend to become selfish through mere isolation and lack of opportunity to exchange ideas. It was satisfactory that farmers were becoming more wide-awake to the advantages of organisation, and that Congress in itself supplied evidence of that fact.

Professor Boyle then dealt with the educational facilities provided at various institutions, and said that at University College, Cork, they required an agricultural building and also a farm for experimental and demonstration purposes. The financial aspect of such recommendations had not been lost sight of, and nothing had been recommended which was not severely practical and necessary if they were to hold their own against their competitors in the world's markets.

WANTED—A LEAD.

In the discussion which followed, Mr. R. Beamish, T.D., dealt at length on the urgent need of developing the agricultural educational system to meet the requirements of the country and the people. That development was a duty which the Government was called upon to perform. Their knowledge of winter dairying was practically a dead letter; the economic development of the soil was in a very poor stage; capital necessary to effect the best economic results was expended over areas of land at times far too great in proportion to the capital available, or the capital which might be available was collected in bank deposits, instead of being applied wisely and far more fruitfully upon the soil.

At the present moment their farmers were living in a state of uncertainty. They had been offered no strong and true lead. Let them take it for granted that, if such a lead were forthcoming, it would be followed in no uncertain manner. Though they sincerely welcomed the standardisation of butter and eggs and the steps that were being taken to abolish the use of inferior bulls, they must not cease from pressing forward the necessity for improved methods of investigation and teaching by competent men.

CONTINUATION SCHOOLS.

Professor E. O'Donoghue (Cork) made a strong appeal for the establishment of continuation schools throughout Ireland. If such a step were taken, he said, they would make the country one of good farmers and good Irishmen.

Mr. L. Dalton, T.D. (Tipperary) expressed approval of the suggestions made in Professor Boyle's paper.

A vote of thanks was passed to Professor Boyle for his instructive paper.

Mr. P. P. Moloney (Tipperary) moved, and Mr. David White (Clonakilty) seconded a resolution urging the Department to publish immediately registers of pedigree and non-pedigree dairy cattle.

Mr. Merrick, Secretary to the Department of Agriculture, said that the Department had been most anxious to publish such a register, but it had met with difficulties—questions of staff and finance. It was an important matter, and should be properly done. The Department hoped to be able to produce such a volume at next year's Congress. (Hear, hear.)

The motion was then withdrawn.

Mr. T. B. Ponsonby (Thurles) read an interesting paper on "The Feeding of Dairy Cows," which was followed by a discussion in which Colonel E. M. Gibbon, C.M.G., Wexford, and others joined.

Mr. F. Harty, Chairman, Kerry branch, moved a resolution calling for greater expedition and accuracy in the tattooing of calves, and made several suggestions on the subject.

The Chairman said that while the suggestions were welcomed, he did not think they were practicable.

Mr. Lynch, Department Supervisor, stated that the present system was working satisfactorily. It was dependent on the honesty of the farmers for its success, and so far very little fault could be found with it.

The resolution fell through.

DISEASES OF CATTLE.

"Diseases of Dairy Cattle" was the title of a paper read by Mr. Norris, the Department's veterinary expert in Dublin. Mr. Norris described how contagious abortion got into a herd, how it spread, and what the farmer should do. He told what help could be rendered by the Department in the way of the blood tests and the supply of vaccine. He laid special stress upon the fact that some cows, though carrying their calves full time, also act as "carriers" of the disease. Having alluded to the importance of early skilled treatment for prevention or cure, Mr. Norris quoted a Danish system, under which dairy farmers have an arrangement with an expert for the treatment of their dairy cows. This system had worked well and prevented considerable loss. He then went on to deal with mammitis, and pointed out the possibility of applying vaccine as a preventive. In all these matters the Department asked for the co-operation of farmers and of veterinary practitioners.

Mr. D. Hutch opened a discussion on the paper.

Colonel C. M. Gibbon, C.M.G., said that more money was lost through contagious abortion than from an outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease, such as they recently had in Cheshire. It was a usual thing in Ireland when a cow calved suddenly to get rid of her at once, while she was in a highly infectious condition. There was an Act to prevent that from being done in England, and he thought that an Act to prevent the exposure of such cows for sale should be passed through the Dail. He questioned if Irish "vets" were getting the necessary knowledge of those matters at the Dublin Veterinary College. It was up to the Government to do something about it. As regards the Department, it was giving them all the help in its power.

Mr. E. J. Sheehy, B.Sc., Dublin, read a paper on "Animal Nutrition," particularly in relation to the proper feeding of young dairy stock. This was followed by a discussion, which was initiated by Mr. D. J. Curran, Cork.

On the motion of Mr. T. O'Sullivan, seconded by Mr. W. O'Callaghan, a resolution was passed urging the Department to make better provision for the locating of special dairy bulls on reduced terms.

The need for increased funds for cow-testing was urged in a resolution proposed by Mr. D. C. Maher, seconded by Mr. C. O'Sullivan.

The conference concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

At night a dance, under the auspices of the Society, was held in the Shortcastle Hall, Mallow.

WINTER'S FURY UNABATED.

GALE, RAIN, SNOW AND THUNDER.

FLOODS EXTENDING.

Yesterday was again marked by gales, heavy rain and sleet all over the British Isles. The barometer fell during the night and the temperature also was lower. A gale prevailed in London, the South of England, and in the Channel, with heavy rain. In the Midlands and the North and in Ireland bright spells alternated with violent squalls of hail and sleet. Mountains generally are snow-capped.

Twenty per cent. of London's telephone wires are out of order. Great difficulty is being experienced in locating the faults, and the continuance of the gales adds hourly to the difficulties of the line maintenance staffs.

The Thames valley, from Kingston upwards for many miles, is a lake. Meadows, roads and gardens are under water. At Maidenhead the river rose a foot. Romney, near Windsor, reported a five-inch rise and Teddington six inches. At Walton, Shepperton and Chertsey the river, as the summer visitor knows it, was lost to the eye. The only way to discover what part of the vista of water covered its channel was to watch the path of steam tugs as they twisted and swerved their way through the miles of flooded countryside. At Chertsey the waters were more than a mile across.

At the various weirs the river presented an alarming sight as the swirling waters roared through the wide-open sluice-gates. At Sunbury Weir there is a normal drop of twelve feet, but yesterday the volume of the stream was so great that the weir pool waters were on a level with the river above.

Near Hampton Court a houseboat broke adrift, collided with another, and sank. Hundreds of riverside bungalows were cut from the mainland. At Chertsey the river is six feet above summer level.

The continued rise of the Rivers Thames, Loddon and Kennet have caused the worst floods during the year in the Reading area. Thousands of acres of farm land are under water, and garden allotments have been ruined.

The Severn has risen nine inches since last Monday, and is over the banks in places. Water is still rising, and a few houses are cut off.

A Dover telegram, received last night, states:—More wild weather is being experienced in the Channel. Vessels are being swept by heavy seas, and cross-Channel boats from Dover are experiencing very rough crossings. The pier and breakwater are continuously swept by heavy seas, and waves are dashing to a great height over the parade.

AQUITANIA DELAYED.

SPEED REDUCED BY GALE.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
From Our Own Correspondent.
NEW YORK, Tuesday.

The Cunard liner Aquitania, which sailed from New York early on the morning of December 24, is overdue, and is expected at six o'clock to-morrow—thirty-six hours late. Cunard officials say that the vessel is not damaged, and attribute the delay to the storm and terrific seas. Wireless messages from noon on Friday to noon on Saturday show that the liner encountered a full gale, and that speed was reduced to just over eight knots, against the usual twenty-three. The officials have not heard how the passengers weathered the storm.

The British and Irish Company's steamer Lady Louth, from Liverpool, arrived in Dublin yesterday morning at 8.30 o'clock, less than an hour late. The delay was due to the heavy weather.

WATERLOGGED IRELAND.

WIDESPREAD SUFFERING AND LOSS.

Snow, rain, hail, wind, thunder and lightning are reported from various parts of Ireland. Floods have assumed alarming proportions, and many people are reduced to desperate straits. Houses are inundated or isolated, no fuel is available, farm stock has been drowned, and produce swept away.

Clones and district has been visited by one of the worst storms for a period of thirty years, writes our Correspondent. A gale, accompanied by rain, submerged roadways and all low-lying districts to a depth of several feet. Houses suffered severely. An old man named Edward Quigley, Clontrest, Clones, was blown over and was found in a helpless condition. Mr. Francis Rountree, Rockcorry, went to the help of a workman who was struggling with a horse attached to a cart which had been upset by the wind and was kicked by the terrified animal. He was taken to Monaghan Infirmary, and was found to be suffering from a fractured breast bone and ribs.

The floods in Fermanagh are creating havoc along the upper reaches of the Erne, says our Enniskillen Correspondent. Lough McNean, on the border, has risen so high that the village of Blacklion, in Co. Cavan, has been flooded. Despite the fact that the flood gates at Belleek have been kept wide open all the week, Lough Erne has risen four feet.

A storm of great severity, accompanied by torrential rains, swept over Nenagh during Tuesday night. The Nenagh river overflowed and covered the roads adjoining to a depth of a foot. Water found its way into the houses near the Dublin road.

A violent thunderstorm broke over Glen on Tuesday night. A gale, accompanied by fierce showers of hail and rain, prevailed for twenty-four hours.

The whole of the roof of Steen's Mills, Leggacurry, Ballybay, was blown off.

DUBLIN'S FLOODED AREA.

A fund is to be opened for the purpose of providing new bedding and other necessities for the people of the flooded area in Church road, Dublin, who are being sheltered in the Wharf road Schools. The residents visited their damp dwellings to light the fires yesterday. They are now in the care of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, which is providing coal for each house.

SHOT BY POACHERS.

GAMEKEEPER'S STORY OF FIGHT.

At the Bourne Police Court yesterday Robert Ellis, Frederick Ellis and Frederick Spicer, all farm labourers, of Market Deeping, Lincolnshire, were brought up on remand, charged with shooting with intent to kill four gamekeepers named Percy Doddridge, William Barsby, George McCarthy and Christopher Cook, at Greatford on December 6th. All the gamekeepers are in the employment of the Hon. Mrs. Trollope Bellew, and the affray took place in the early hours of the morning.

Gamekeeper Barsby stated that he met the other keepers at 10.30 on December 5th. They heard shots in the plantations near Casewick Hall, and seeing three men, McCarthy shouted, "Now we have got you." The poachers replied, "We have got two double-barrelled guns. If you come through the gate we will shoot you." Barsby replied, "Put them down." The poachers retreated a few paces and the keepers followed. One poacher shouted, "Shoot 'em, Freddy." Two shots, proceeded the witness, were fired in quick succession at eight yards' range. The witness was wounded in the right leg and McCarthy in the left arm and chest. The witness added that the keepers were not armed. The witness received thirty-one shot wounds, and McCarthy twenty-six in the left arm and five in the chest, one being near the heart. McCarthy continued the pursuit, and got hold of one poacher with the wounded hand, but could not hold him, and he struck at McCarthy with the gunstock.

A SALE WORTH VISITING.

Not often does one get the opportunity of purchasing really exclusive things at much below usual prices. But a two-weeks' Sale which has just begun at Marleen Salons, 114 St. Stephen's Green, affords just such an opportunity. The smartest Knitted Frocks, Costumes, Jumpers and Cardigans are selling at bargain prices, in some cases actually below cost. Other bargains worth seeing are a collection of smart pull-on Hats for town or sports wear, and some exclusive Afternoon and Evening Gowns.—(Advt.)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

THE FLOODS IN DUBLIN.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—In view of the sad disaster that has occurred in our midst, a small committee has been formed to deal with the immediate needs of the forty poor families rendered temporarily homeless by this unforeseen calamity. The sufferers are being temporarily housed and fed in the parochial schools, and a fund is being raised to afford relief and to assist in the restoration of their homes—many of them wrecked by storm and flood.

The emergency committee, consisting of the clergy of the parish, the Rev. D. H. Hall, M.A., Rector of St. Thomas's, the presidents and members of the local conferences of St. Vincent de Paul Society, earnestly appeal to you to help them in alleviating the distress of these poor stricken people. A list of subscribers will be published in a few days.

Some subscriptions, including a generous donation from His Grace the Archbishop, have been already received.—Yours, etc.,

J. CANON BRADY, P.P.

St. Laurence O'Toole's, Seville place, Dublin, December 29th, 1924.

(We have forwarded to Canon Brady the sum of five pounds which we have received from Mr. E. P. Culverwell, Senior Fellow of Trinity College, in aid of the sufferers from the recent storm.—ED., *I.T.*)

OVER-TAXATION AND COMPENSATION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—It looks as if President Cosgrave had allowed his optimism to carry him beyond financial accuracy in his message to the *New York American*, which the Dublin Press reproduced yesterday. Speaking hopefully of the unemployment problem, he says that the Government "has made available" about eleven millions in this connection, and then adds:—"This includes seven millions paid as compensation for damage during the de Valera disorders." I question the accuracy of the statement that seven millions have thus been paid. I do so solely because of its apparent kinship with the widely-circulated myth that over-taxation was inevitable on account of the necessity of paying such compensation—estimated roundly at a total of fifty millions. That myth originated about two years ago. It received support from the Budget of 1923-4, which was padded by the inclusion of a dummy figure of over ten millions under the heading "compensation." At the close of that financial year it became apparent (to the few who analyse official financial statements) that those ten millions were mere padding, and that only a small fraction had really been paid as "compensation for damage during the de Valera disorders."

In the Budget for the current year, 1924-5, there is included, under the heading "compensation," a figure of over seven millions. This also looks like mere padding, because the Budget indicates that, unless a sum of over eight millions can be raised "by borrowing or otherwise," those seven millions cannot be paid. A portion of it may, of course, have been paid out of the small balance of the proceeds of the National Loan carried over on the 1st April last, but certainly not seven millions, or anything like that amount. We have no precise official figures which would lead us to suppose that even one-tenth of that amount has been paid on this year's account, or on last year's account either.

It would seem, therefore, as if, in the words attributed to President Cosgrave, the intention to pay seven millions, as expressed in the Budget, has been confused with the idea of actual payment. As this concerns the money affairs of the State, in regard to which the public is peculiarly sensitive and suspicious—and the less the enlightenment the more the suspicion—this apparent ambiguity and looseness of statement seem regrettable.—Yours, etc.,

HENRY P. KENNEY.

Monkstown, Co. Dublin, December 30th, 1924.

A TAX ON CHRISTMAS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—Many letters have appeared in your paper complaining of the Customs and parcels tax on Christmas presents. I am a governor of the Royal Hospital for Incurables, and I could wish that the official to whom we owe it could have gone through the wards and heard the comments of the patients. Those who suffer from incurable illness have little enough to brighten life. At Christmas time it was a great pleasure to receive parcels from friends and relatives and to feel that they were not forgotten. All that has altered. One patient received a small cake and some chocolates from Belfast. The cake was broken into pieces, but a charge of 3s. was made. Another received some chocolate biscuits. In spite of the label, the paper was torn from the manufacturers' box and the contents "investigated"; charge also 3s.

In both these cases the charge was above the actual value of the goods. Many of the patients had asked their friends not to send them gifts, since they feared that the tax would be more than they wished to pay. Even greater resentment was felt at the inspection to which these parcels—containing letters of greeting from relations and friends—were subjected.—Yours, etc.,

LINDA HILLAS.

8 Lower Fitzwilliam street, Dublin, December 30th, 1924.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—Will you insert a few lines in your valuable paper regarding a parcel of food I sent my mother, who is a widow and an old age pensioner? The parcel left Cardiff on last Monday by rail, all paid for; and I have just had a letter from my mother to say that they will not let her have it unless she pays three shillings duty on it. Sir, I thought I paid all that, and, besides, the fowl and the other things must all be bad by now. Are they not satisfied by taking a shilling off the pension, and must the Customs officials rob them of the bit of food that is sent to them?—Yours, etc.,

A. STIMPSON.

15 Topaz street, Roath, Cardiff, December 29th, 1924.

CRUELTY TO CATTLE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—I have read with very great pleasure your leader in this day's issue of your paper. Before I say anything on the subject I feel that the greatest thanks of everyone connected with the cattle trade are due to you for the steps you have taken to give publicity to this matter. I am very glad to know that, since I delivered the address to the Dublin Rotary Club on the Irish cattle trade, the matter has been brought very prominently before the public. As, no doubt, your readers will see from day to day, it is being taken up with vigour.

You are quite right in stating that nothing has yet been heard of any improvement in the present state of affairs, and it is also quite correct that the worst aspect of the case is the beating from which the cattle suffer during and before shipment. I would like to assure your correspondents that the matter has not yet ended. I am at present in negotiation with a number of your correspondents, and also writers to other journals, with a view to having the only remedy applied immediately. All the arguments put forward at the meeting of the Cattle Exporters' Association were only those with which I dealt in my address to the Rotary Club, but they show clear evidence of the fact that all parties interested in the greatest industry which this country has are at last wakening up. I am very hopeful that the negotiations which are at present on foot will have a very beneficial result for all concerned in the Irish cattle trade.—Yours, etc.,

GEORGE W. GREENE.

49 Queen street, Dublin, December 30th, 1924.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—Referring to the leader in the *Irish Times* to-day on "Cruelty to Cattle," please permit me to lay stress on the fact that you have told nothing but the truth in saying that "the exporters cannot shift all the blame to other shoulders. The worst aspect of the case is the beating from which the animals suffer during and before shipment, and for this the drivers are wholly responsible." Neither the Cattle Exporters' Association nor the Irish Cattle traders' and Stockowners' Association has up to the present given this Society any assistance whatever in the efforts we have been making to ensure the licensing of every drover, and compelling them to wear numbered badges so that they can be readily identified and prosecuted when seen beating cattle cruelly.

If the cattle traders are in earnest in wanting to stop the financial loss incurred by the beating of cattle, there is nothing to prevent them, with their larger funds, from putting fifty men every day at the North Wall and on the streets, with orders to prosecute whenever they see cruelty; and, if every drover were wearing a badge, it would be easy to do so.—Yours, etc.,

EDNA POWER, Secretary.

Dublin Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals,
29 South Frederick street, Dublin,
December 30th, 1924.

DUBLIN AND THE PROVINCES.

DUBLIN.

SAILORS' REST CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT.—According to the custom of many years, the Dublin Port missionary, Mr. C. E. Stewart, visited all the ships in port on Christmas morning, and invited the seamen away from their homes to the British and Foreign Sailors' Society's Christmas feast and entertainment in the Dublin Sailors' Rest, North Wall. The Rest was decorated with flags of many nations and Chinese lanterns, and looked very gay. At four o'clock a large crowd of officers and seamen of many nationalities gathered in the hall. A short Carol Service was held, after which the company sat down to a Christmas feast. The tables were tastefully laid out with flowers by a band of ladies, who waited on the visitors. Dinner was followed by a concert and entertainment. Every visitor received as a Christmas gift a warm, woollen article from the Ladies' Guild.

PALACE TONTINE SOCIETY. — The annual participation meeting of the Palace Tontine Society was held at 5 Burgh quay. Members who paid 9d. a week received £1 16s., in addition to the benefits of medical advice, medicine and attendance for self and family, with an insurance for self and nominee. The President congratulated the members on the condition of the Society, and announced that new members would be admitted next Saturday at 6 o'clock.

CHILDREN'S OPERETTA AT HOWTH.—On St. Stephen's Night, at the St. Lawrence Hall, Howth, the children of the local Cumann na nGaedheal produced "The Enchanted Glen," an operetta in three acts, before a large audience. The staging and dresses were very elaborate. The acting, choral work and dancing were of a uniformly high standard. The second part of the programme was devoted to an Irish tableau and song scena, entitled "The Four Provinces." At the conclusion of the entertainment Mr. Gaisford St. Lawrence expressed the audience's appreciation of the entertainment.

PASSENGERS BY B. AND I. LINE, VIA LIVERPOOL.

ARRIVALS.—H. McPherson, Dr. Kingsmill Moore, Dr. Millar, E. J. Brown, S. Somerville, R. Dunlop, G. A. McCutcheon, C. S. Waugh, Miss A. M. Strickland, Miss Nagwood, J. Whittaker, A. Hare, A. Strain, T. Dempter, A. Webb, Mrs. Galt, W. Salter, E. H. Walsh, W. R. Heaton, J. Rea, Miss Bradley, J. Markie, L. Hardy, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. Forsythe, Miss K. Pyne, Miss Cooney, T. W. Dunne, Miss Alcock, Miss Brennan, W. J. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Thornley, Mr. and Mrs. Fagan, Mr. and Mrs. Ballie, Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan.

DEPARTURES.—Miss Vansittart, Miss Thornhill, Mrs. Cleary, H. Lowry, T. Lowry, T. Wheeler, Dr. Martin, Mrs. Warren, R. Wright, W. B. McIntosh, Dr. Bradlaw, T. Glover, Miss Crawley, G. Fillingham, R. Gregg, H. Greer, Dr. Duffy, J. Bell, T. Nicholson, W. F. Hogg, J. Busteed, Miss Trench, Miss Cherry.

CONNAUGHT.

CO. ROSCOMMON HERMITS.—It was reported in Strokestown, Co. Roscommon, recently, that the house of Peter O'Donnell, of Carrowclough, had been attacked, and O'Donnell and his brother injured. The police visited the place and found Peter O'Donnell in a dying condition, and he died shortly afterwards from bronchitis. The dead man's brother, John, had a cut over the eye, and made a rambling statement about having been attacked by a number of men, who had beaten him and his brother. An examination of the house did not bear out this statement, and at an inquest, held subsequently into the death of Peter, a verdict of death from natural causes was returned. Although the brothers hold thirty acres, well stocked, their mode of living was of the most wretched description. The house was almost devoid of furniture. The deceased man slept on a table, with a few bags for bed clothes, and his brother on a heap of straw on the floor in a corner of the kitchen.

BUTTER IN ASYLUM'S DIET.—Our Castlebar Correspondent writes:—The Inspector of Mental Hospitals, in the course of his report on his recent inspection, suggests that margarine should be supplied to the patients for breakfast and supper instead of butter.

LEINSTER.

DEATH FROM EXPOSURE.—A verdict of death from natural causes, accelerated by exposure, was returned at an inquest held at Kilmacow, Co. Kilkenny, yesterday, into the death of Mrs. Mary Hartley, a tramp, who was found in a field at Dangan, near the village. It was stated that the road near the field was flooded, and it was supposed that the deceased woman entered the field to avoid the water, and lost her way in the darkness.

TULLAMORE POLICE BARRACKS RENT.—The Commissioners of Public Works have informed the King's County Council that a rent of £100 demanded for the Civic Guard Barracks, Tullamore, formerly the County Infirmary, is excessive. They are prepared to pay £80 a year and keep the premises in repair. The Commissioner fixed the amount at £90, subject to Local Government Department approval.

"NO MAN'S LAND."—Holding that the place where the poteen was found appeared to be a "no man's land," the magistrate, at Mohill, Co. Longford, dismissed a case in which Joseph Burbage, of Tooman, was charged with being in possession of two glasses of poteen. The poteen was found in a ditch on his land.

MUNSTER.

HOUSING IN CLONMEL.—Clonmel Corporation has finished another section of its housing scheme, and is seeking a Government grant to enable it to build thirty more on the Ardnagrina site.

CLONMEL ELECTRIC LIGHTING.—Work has commenced on the Clonmel electric lighting scheme, which has received the sanction of the Government.

COUNCILLOR WALSH'S DEATH.—The death has occurred at his residence, John street, Waterford, of Councillor John D. Walsh. A former president of the Sinn Fein Club, he was imprisoned in the year 1920 and was detained for several months at Ballybricken Jail and at Kilworth Camp. He was released on medical grounds. He represented Waterford at the Convention in Dublin after the Treaty, and took his stand with Mr. de Valera.

STOLE TURKEY AND POT.—At Nenagh District Court, yesterday, Patrick Donohue, William street, Nenagh, was sent to prison for two months for the larceny of a pot, valued at £1, and a turkey, from John J. Moylan, Rathmaleen, and two geese from James O'Meara, Moanfin.

ULSTER.

LAD ACCIDENTALLY HANGED.—Thomas Callan, Drumlusty, Carrickmacross, aged 11 years, was found hanged in a outhouse on Christmas Day. The boy was in the act of securing a rope to the beams at the top of the house and was standing on a chair, which slipped from him, his neck getting entangled in the rope.

The Rev. T. Cleary, C.C., who has been stationed in Gorey for twelve years, has been appointed to the pastoral charge of Marshalstown.

NORTHERN IRELAND.

AMATEUR DETECTIVE.—James and Patrick Creaney, Joseph Sharkey and Owen Douglas have been remanded at Portadown on a charge of having on Christmas morning entered the publichouse of Joseph McNeice, Woodhouse street, and stolen whiskey and wine, valued at £5 8s. Joseph Smith, Woodhouse street, said that between three and four o'clock on Christmas morning he saw four men coming from Obin street. Shortly afterwards he saw a man coming from the direction of McNeice's house "with something bulky under his coat." He asked: "Where did you get that stuff?" and the man replied, "What has that got to do with you?" Witness found McNeice's door ajar. He entered, called McNeice, and told him that his house had been burgled. The man to whom witness spoke was one of the Creaneys. McNeice said that he examined the bar and found whiskey and wine missing. He accompanied Smith to River lane, and in the house of Owen Douglas found the accused men. Smith said to Patrick Creaney "You were there, for I saw you coming from it." Creaney replied that it was not him that took it, but that he knew who did. The court remanded the accused men on bail.

A CALLOUS HUSBAND. — Alleged to have stated that if his wife was dying he would not get her a drink of water, William Sloan, a labourer, 160 Conway street, Belfast, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment in the Belfast Summons Court, yesterday. He was summoned for neglecting his wife and five children. It was stated that Sloan was sentenced to two months' imprisonment last August for neglecting his family. Since his release he had done nothing for the wife, and was prosecuted. The case had been adjourned for a fortnight, but during that period Sloan had ignored his family. He was entitled to 33s. a week unemployment benefit, but had declined to draw it. Mrs. Sloan said her husband had not helped her in any way. The defendant was not present in court.

A DISILLUSIONED WIFE. — William Canning was charged at Londonderry yesterday with deserting his wife, who became chargeable to the rates. When the Bench remanded the defendant, Mrs. Canning remarked: "Thanks very much. The magistrates will know how to deal with this old blackguard. Twelve months or two years is little enough for him."

DEATH OF FORMER CIVIC OFFICIAL.—The death took place yesterday at his residence "Abbotsford," Whitehead, of Mr. William Blackburn, formerly a well-known official of the Belfast Corporation. He entered the service of the Corporation on October 17, 1866, and retired on September 30, 1921. During the latter part of his service, he was employed as assistant accountant.

TEMPERANCE WORKER DEAD.—The death is announced of Mr. William Hall, who for forty years owned and conducted a temperance hotel in Portadown and was a prominent worker in the temperance cause. For some years he was one of the elected representatives of Portadown on the Lurgan Board of Guardians.

ALLEGED WORTHLESS CHEQUE.—John Francis, of Cavan, was charged in Newry last Monday with having, on July 28, at Rostrevor, Co. Down, obtained £4 by means of a worthless cheque, and also with having, on July 27 and 28, obtained board and lodgings from Patrick Morgan. The accused man was remanded on bail.

STRABANE CANAL TRAGEDY.—Cries for help were heard from the Strabane Canal late last night, and a man was seen struggling in the water, but before he could be rescued he sank. Dragging operations were carried out until midnight, without result. A cap and a box of matches were found floating on the water near where the man was last seen.

REGULATIONS IGNORED.—When Robert Smyth and Sons, Strabane, were summoned locally for a breach of the heavy motor vehicle regulations by failing to have the weight and speed of a motor lorry marked on the vehicle, a solicitor admitted the offence, and said that although these regulations were made in 1905 they were only now being enforced. The Bench ordered the defendants to pay the costs.

ENNISKILLEN "SPECIALS'" HOUSING.—Enniskillen Guardians have asked the Minister for Home Affairs to move the Special Constabulary from the workhouse to the vacant Castle Barracks, where they were formerly stationed.

The woman who was knocked down by a motor car in Donegall place, Belfast, last Saturday night has been identified as Mary Ann Green, aged 70, a weaver, who lodged at 8 Coates's place, Belfast. She has not yet regained consciousness.

IRISH ROADS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—The amount of revenue raised from motor taxation last year is £350,000, and the Irish Motorists' Union has asked the Government to consider the advisability of raising a loan on the security of this revenue. According to experts, it will take from four to six million pounds to bring the roads up to the standard of modern requirements. The advantage of good roads in the commercial, industrial, and agricultural development of the country need not be emphasised. They are an absolute essential. The total mileage of roads in the Free State is 45,735, and the estimated road expenditure from taxation for 1924-25 is £1,203,099. This expenditure is in the hands of twenty or thirty different bodies, so that the need of a more centralised system of control is apparent.

Cork has 6,292 miles of roads, and the expenditure on them in 1913-14 was £83,573. The estimated expenditure for 1924-25 is £134,100. Wexford has 1,965 miles of roads, and the expenditure on them in 1913-14 was £30,000. For 1924-25 the estimated expenditure is £75,676. Mayo has 2,776 miles of roads, and the expenditure on them for 1913-14 was £23,864. The estimated expenditure for 1924-25 is £42,199. The vast expenditure of £1,203,099 on the roads of the country will not bring them up to the standard of modern requirements, and hence the question of a loan to carry out a national scheme of modern road-making and road improvement is one worthy of consideration. Such a scheme would provide useful employment for large numbers of those urgently requiring employment.

The Irish Motorists' Union will devote its energies to the development of the tourist traffic in the country, and fully recognises the surpassing importance of good roads in this regard. Motorists will not come to a country where the roads are bad; hence, in the matter of the development of the tourist traffic, good roads are a first essential. Motor traffic is a very important asset to the prosperity of the State. There are from £10,000,000 to £20,000,000 invested in the motor industry. Motorists have no desire to evade paying their fair share of taxation.—Yours, etc.,

JOHN J. EGAN,
Secretary, Irish Motorists' Union.

21 Dawson street, Dublin,
December 30th, 1924.

According to the latest summary of the voting on the question of Church union in Canada 39 congregations are in favour of union and 5 are against.

JUNIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICERS (MALE). Open Competition Announced (Age 17 and 21). Special Day, Evening and Correspondence Classes working at SKERRY'S COLLEGE, 75 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin.—(Advt.)

GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY SHARES.

NEW YORK, Tuesday.

The General Electric Company shares reached a new high level to-day, being quoted at 307½. They then broke almost 11 points, reflecting speculative disappointment over the company's plan to make a special distribution to stockholders through the segregation of the Electric Bond and Share Company.—(Reuter.)

THE CHURCH OF IRELAND.

At a special Service held in Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, yesterday afternoon, the Rev. William Baillie, Rector of St. Matthias's Church, Dublin, was installed a Canon of the Cathedral. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. H. B. Kennedy, Dean of Christ Church Cathedral. The choir rendered the anthem: "Hear the voice and prayer of Thy servants" (Hopkins).

At a Confirmation held in Dundalk Parish Church 57 candidates from the town and neighbourhood were confirmed.

The parishioners of Templemore Union have presented Mrs. Jacob with a travelling-clock, volumes of organ music, and a Morocco-bound Prayer Book, in recognition of her work in the parish as organist, choir-master, and Sunday school teacher.

The following Clerical Unions held meetings during December:—Kilmore, Leighlin, Dublin, Cashel, Cork, Mallow, East Killaloe, Limerick, Meath, Clogher, Lifford, South Raphoe, Cashel, East Glendalough, and Louth.

The gross total income of benefices in England amounts to £6,228,776, the net total income being £5,567,060, while the stipends of assistant curates amount to £1,047,070. The total voluntary contributions of the 38 dioceses amounted in 1923 to £6,895,605, and £6,517,765 in 1922. The largest contributions were made in London, where there was a total of £748,066; the figure for Sodor and Man, the smallest diocese, was £15,045. The total voluntary offerings of the Church of England for the year ended December 31, 1923, were £9,599,943, an increase of £536,892 on those of the previous year.

The exact source of the name "Sodor" is a disputed point. Two places have for centuries gone by this name, one in Iona, and the other Holm or St. Patrick's Isle at Peel. In the Bull of Calixtus, A.D. 1465, the term: "The Cathedral Church of Sodor in Man," is used. Most historians are agreed that St. Patrick, on his second return to Ireland (A.D. 444), was compelled, owing to a great storm, to take shelter on the Isle of Man. He remained there for three years, and converted the inhabitants to the Christian faith. St. Patrick is reputed to have lived on the rocky islet called Holm, opposite the town of Peel, and there he built a church called after his name. In 1998 the Dioceses of Man and Iona were united, and subsequently the bishops were styled of Sodor and Man, and sometimes of The Isles.

U.S. MARKETS.

IRREGULAR CLOSING OF STOCKS.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)
NEW YORK, Tuesday.

Stocks opened irregular and subsequent fluctuations were wide, ranging from 1 to 10 points down to 1 to 7 points up. Pool operations partially overcame the early unsettlement, but all weakened when General Electric reacted 11½ points, due to realising, following the announcement of the distribution of the company's subsidiary holdings. The market closed irregular, Government Bonds irregular; Railroad Bonds irregular. The day's sales totalled 1,750,000 shares. Money on call closed strong at 5¼ per cent. bid and 5¾ per cent. asked. Actual business ranged from 5 to 5¾, with the ruling rate of 5 per cent. The last transaction was made at 5¼ per cent. Sterling exchange firm. Silver unchanged for foreign-mined at 68¾.

Rises—National Lead, ½; International Mercantile Marine Preferred, ¾, and Royal Dutch Petroleum, 1.

Falls—Atchison Topeka Common, Chesapeake and Ohio Common, Erie Railroad Shares, Southern Railway Preferred, Union Pacific Preferred and United States Rubber, ⅞; Baltimore and Ohio Common, Illinois Central and Southern Railway Shares, ¼; Chicago Milwaukee Common, Lehigh Valley Shares and United States Steel Common, 1; Chicago North-Western Ordinary, Wabash Preferred, American Smelting and Refining Common, and New York Consolidated Gas, 1½; Erie First Preferred, Great Northern Preferred, Missouri, Kansas and Texas, New York Central and Chicago Rock Island, ⅞; Louisville and Nashville, Norfolk and Western Common, Northern Pacific Common, Reading Shares, Southern Pacific and General Motors, ¾, and General Electric, 3½.

Missouri Kansas Adjustment Bonds declined ¾.

	Sub. Sta.	Sub. Sta.
Call Money	...	...
Exchange on Lon. 60 days sight	4.70⅝	4.70⅝
Do. do. Demand Bills	4.73⅝	4.73⅝
Cable Transfers	4.73⅞	4.73⅞
Do. Montreal	4.74⅛	4.74⅛
Exchange Paris, cable	5.40⅛	5.41⅛

Eng. Parity	Stocks.	Closing Bid Prices. Mon.	Business Done. Tues.
107⅛	U.S. Funded	102¼	102¼
72½	Atch., Top., Santa Fe	118	117¼
101⅝	Do. Preference	96½	96
82⅛	Baltimore and Ohio	79	78½
147⅞	Canadian Pacific	149¼	149
100⅛	Chesapeake Ohio Com.	96½	95½
15⅛	Chic., Mil., & St. Paul	15½	14½
72⅛	Chicago and N.-West	70¼	69
32⅜	Erie Shares	31½	30½
46⅜	Erie 1st Preferred	44½	44
73⅜	Great Northern Pref.	70¼	69¼
121⅛	Illinois Central	115¼	115
79⅛	Lehigh Valley	79½	78½
113⅛	Louisville & Nashville	108¼	107½
28⅜	Missouri, Kan., & Texas	27½	28½
32⅜	Missouri Pacific New	31	30¼
4⅜	Nat. of Mexico 1st Pref.	5	4
2	Do. 2nd Pref.	2½	1⅞
124⅛	N.Y. Cl. & Hudson R.	119½	118¾
135⅜	Norfolk and West Com.	129¼	129
73⅛	Northern Pacific Com.	70¼	69¼
28⅜	Ontario and Western	25¼	25
50⅜	Pennsylvania Shares	48	47¾
77⅛	Reading Shares	73½	73
39⅜	Do Preferred	37½	37½
82	Southern Railway	77½	77¼
107⅛	Southern Pacific	102½	101½
...	Texas and Pacific	45½	44½
146⅛	Union Pacific	148½	148½
79⅛	Do. Pref.	74½	74
21⅛	Wabash Common	21½	20½
...	Do. Preferred A.	57½	56½
102⅛	American Smelt. and Refining	99¾	97
50⅛	Anaconda Copper	47½	47⅛
...	British-American Tobacco Ord.	23½	23½
...	Utah Copper	90½	86
80⅜	New York Consolidated Gas	77½	76½
314	General Electric	299½	290⅛
167⅛	National Lead	158	159½
123⅛	United States Steel Common	120	119
123⅛	Do. Pref.	122½	122¼
63⅛	Bethlehem Steel Com. Stock	56½	56
...	Silver Commercial Bars	68⅞	68⅝
...	General Motors (New)	80¼	81½
47⅛	Inter. Mer. Marine Com. Certs.	12½	12½
13⅛	Do. Pref. Certs.	48½	49½
...	Royal Dutch Ordinary	51½	52½
...	Shell Ordinary	41	40
60⅛	Pan-American Petroleum Ord.	64	[illegible]
19⅛	Anglo-American Oil	19½	19½
...	Snell Union Oil Corp.	21½	21½
43⅛	U.S. Rubber	41½	41½
	BONDS.		
93⅛	Atch. Top. New 4% Gen. Mort.	88½	88½
66⅞	Erie Rail. Gen. 4% Lien Bonds	63½	63½
...	Reading 4 p.c. Mortgage Bonds	...	...
...	Union Pacific 4 p.c. Bonds	90½	91½
110⅛	U.S. Steel 2nd Mort. 5% Bds.	104½	104½
122⅛	U.K. 5½ per cent. Bonds, 1929	115¼	115½
111⅛	Do. do. 1937	108	108½
93⅛	7 p.c. German Loan	...	93½

*Asked. † Ex div. ‡ Ex interest. § Ex rights.

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKETS.

WHEAT weak, 2½c. to 5c. cheaper.

	To-day.	Prev. day.
No. 2 Hard Winter, spot	186	190⅛
No. 2 Red Winter, spot	195⅛	198⅛
No. 2 Mixed Durum, spot	184⅛	189
No. 1 Northern Manitoba, spot	202⅛	207⅛

	To-day.	Same day last year.	This season.	Last season.
Receipts—Atlan.	615	Holiday	197,854	150,969
Clearances	1,070	Holiday	192,851	136,291

(In thousands of bushels.)

Sales for export—25 boatloads.

RYE.—No. 2 spot, 153½.

Sales for export—35 boatloads.

BARLEY.—American malting, 102.

MAIZE easy, 2c. lower.

	To-day.	Prev. day.
Western No. 2 mixed, spot	141	143

	To-day.	Same day last year.	This season.	Last season.
Receipts—Atlan.	36	Holiday	5,394	6,783
Clearances	—	Holiday	1,618	1,918

(In thousands of bushels.)

The visible supply of wheat in Canada increased 2,026,000 bushels on the week, and now totals 29,948,000 bushels.

LARD easy, 30 to 25 points cheaper. Prime Western steam, 17.50; Middle West, 17.25 to 17.35.

FLOUR steady. Spring clears, 100 per cent., 7.50 to 8.00.

FREIGHTS.

Heavy grain to Great Britain, per quarter—2/6 to 3/-.

Heavy grain to Continent, per 100lbs.—12c. to 14c.

Cotton—High density to Great Britain, per 100lbs.—35c.

Cotton—Standard bales to Great Britain, per 100lbs.—50c.

PETROLEUM steady.

	To-day.	Prev. day.
Mid-Continent Crude	1.10	1.10
Standard White in cases	16.90	16.90
Standard White in barrels	13.50	13.50
Do. Philadelphia	13.50	13.50
Pennsylvania crude	3.00 3.10	3.00 3.10

COFFEE opened irregular, 15 to 25 points lower. Values showed weakness during the greater part of the session on selling by the trade, commission houses, Wall street interests and European operators. Later covering by shorts caused partial rallies, but the market closed barely steady at 52 to 27 points loss. Spot firm, ¼c. up for Rio No. 7 and ¼c. higher for Santos No. 4. Rio No. 7 spot, 24; Santos No. 4 spot, 28½. Approximate day's sales—98,000 bags.

Futures—Options—	Jan.	Mar.	May.	June.
To-day	21.80	21.35	20.25	19.90
Prev. day	22.15	21.75	20.55	20.25
	July.	Sept.	Dec. 1925.	
To-day	19.55	18.70	18.10	
Prev. day	19.90	19.22	18.37	

SUGAR steady, 2 points to 1 point up. Centrifugal Cuban spot steady and unaltered; 96 test centrifugal Cuban, 4.52. Approximate day's sales—12,000 tons.

Options—	Jan.	Mar.	May.	July.	Sept.
To-day	2.82	2.83	2.94	3.06	3.17
Prev. day	2.80	2.82	2.92	3.04	3.15

Sugar sale—5,000 bags of Cuban were sold to-day at 4.59 for shipment first half of January.

According to Messrs. Willett and Gray, the Cuban sugar port receipts for the past week amounted to 46,000 tons and the stocks 22,000 tons.

TALLOW strong, ⅛c. up. Extra loose, 11.

COTTON SEED OIL easy. Prime summer yellow spot, 11.64. Options—January, 11.42; March, 11.56; May, 11.97; July, 12.18.

SHELLAC.—T.N. spot, 64.

TURPENTINE—Spirits of turpentine, 85; Savannah spirits of turpentine, 78½.

RESIN—Grade F, 5.50; Grade K, 6.90; Grade WW, 9.00.

BURLAPS quiet. Hessian cloth, light-weight, 8.20; ditto heavy-weight, 9.90.

METALS.—Tin barely steady, 12½ points lower. Spot, 59.00; future option, 59.00. Tin Plates, 5.50. Zinc steady and unaltered. Lead steady, 9.92½; East St. Louis spot, 7.80. Iron steady. No. 2 American Northern Foundry, 23.00 to 23.50. Electrolytic Copper steady. Spot, 15; futures, 15. Bessemer Steel Rails, 43.

OUTSIDE U.S. MARKETS.

KANSAS CITY—Wheat weak, 4½c. lower; No. 2 hard winter spot, 176½.

ST. LOUIS—Wheat weak, 4½c. down; No. 2 red winter spot, 195.

MINNEAPOLIS—Wheat weak, 4½c. cheaper. No. 1 Northern spring spot, 168⅝.

DULUTH—Flaxseed, May, 304.

TOLEDO—Cloverseed, March, 19.90.

WINNIPEG—Wheat opened steady, ⅛c. to ½c. up, but closed weak, 4⅞c. cheaper. Opening options—May, 187½; July, 184. Closing options—May, 182; July, 178⅛. Oats weak, 2½c. lower. Closing option—December, 63. Flaxseed, May, 271½.

Wheat receipts (carlots)	To-day.	Prev. day.
No. 1 Northern	56	28
No. 2 Northern	58	35
No. 3 Northern	80	24
No. 4 Northern	84	19
Other grades	120	36
Total	400	142

NEW YORK COTTON.

COTTON opened steady, but 1 to 5 points lower. Prices declined owing to disappointing cable news, selling by foreign interests, advices of beneficial rains in Texas and liquidation; then rallied on better Manchester cables, improvement in the cotton goods trade, the higher spot situation, and trade purchases. The market fell back again, however, owing to weakness at New Orleans, stop loss selling and in sympathy with the grain markets, and closed about steady, 27 to 32 points down. Spot quiet at 25 points loss. New Orleans spot, 25 points lower.

Spot, middling upland at New York, 24.65.

Spot, middling upland at New Orleans, 24.35.

Receipts—Atlantic ports, 11,000 bales; Gulf, 46,000; Pacific, nil; interior towns, 26,000. Exports—Great Britain, 22,000; Continent, 35,000; Japan, 13,000.

New York futures in the last twenty seconds of trading:—December, lowest unquoted, highest unquoted; January, 24.16, 24.33; February, 24.33, 24.33; March, 24.30, 24.34; April, 24.67, 24.67; May, 24.84, 24.86; June, 24.90, 24.90; July, 24.97, 24.97; August, 24.60, 24.60; September, 24.40, 24.40; October, 24.12, 24.13; November, 24.12, 24.12.

New Orleans futures in the last minute of trading—March lowest 24.45, highest 24.42; May, 24.72, 24.75.

CHICAGO MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Tuesday.

WHEAT opened easy, ⅛c. to ½c. lower, on predictions of snow, and continued to decline owing to large stocks, liquidation, a disappointing export inquiry, bearish Liverpool cables, a slack outside demand, stop-loss orders, commission house selling and unloading by bulls. The market closed weak at 4¼c. to 4½c. fall. Spot inactive.

	To-day.	Prev. day.	
No. 2 Hard Winter spot	—	175	
No. 3 Hard Winter spot	—	—	
Futures—Opening options—	Dec.	May.	
To-day	175	176¾	
Prev. day	178	181	
Futures—Closing options—	Dec.	May.	July
To-day	170½	174½	150¾
Prev. day	175⅛	178½	152⅞

	To-day.	Same day last year.	This season.	Last season.
Receipts (W.).	686	Holiday	398,475	349,238

(In thousands of bushels.)

CORN opened easy, ⅛c. to ½c. down, owing to stocks increasing and favourable weather reports. Further declines took place under liquidation, large receipts, the disappointing cash demand, poor outside inquiry, lower cash markets and predictions of increased receipts. The market closed easy, ½c. to 1¼c. lower.

	To-day.	Prev. day.	
Spot No. 2 mixed	—	123⅛	
Futures—Opening options—		May	
To-day	6	129⅛	
Prev. day	1 6⅛	131⅛	
Futures—Closing options—	Dec.	May	July
To-day	125⅛	1 3⅛	129⅛
Prev. day	126⅛	1 3⅛	130⅛

	To-day.	Same day last year.	This season.	Last season.
Receipts (W.)	814	Holiday	12 977	131,676

(In thousands of bushels.)

OATS easy, 1½c. to 1¾c. down.

Futures—Closing options—	Dec.	May	July
To-day	58	63	61⅛
Prev. day	60⅛	64⅛	63⅛

RYE—No. 2 spot, 147½.

Futures—Closing options—	Dec.	May
To-day	14	150⅛
Prev. day	148	155⅛

PROVISIONS opened easy, and the session has been bearish in unison with grain, also owing to reactionary selling, liquidation, the uncovering of stop-loss orders, increased stocks and the slackness of outside demand. The market closed easy, with lard 27½ to 35 points and ribs 62½ to 52½ points down.

Lard—Closing options	Jan.	Mar.	May.
To-day	16.67½	16.92½	17.12½
Prev. day	16.95	17.27½	17.45
Ribs—Closing options—	Jan.	Mar.	May.
To-day	15.75	—	16.10
Prev. day	16.37½	—	16.62½

BACON easy at 75 points loss.

Short ribbed sides (60lbs. average)—15.62½.

HOGS barely steady. Light sorts are 15 points down to unchanged and heavy 10 points lower to unchanged. Light hogs—9.10 to 10.50; heavy hogs—10.60 to 10.95.

	To-day.	Same day last year
Receipts—Western Cities	215,000	Holiday
Chicago	73,000	Holiday

Receipts of hogs at fifteen principal Western centres, including Chicago, since the 1st of November total 7,979,000, against 7,670,000 same season last year.

KILDARE MURDER CHARGE.

AN EX-OFFICER IN CUSTODY.

The murder of Joseph Bergin, a military policeman at Miltown, County Kildare, twelve months ago, had a sequel on Saturday in the arrest of James Murray, an ex-officer of the National Army. The arrest was made at Kingstown by members of the detective division of the Dublin Metropolitan Police. Murray was taken into custody at his own house in Kingstown, to which he returned only a few days ago.

He was formally charged with the murder of Bergin, at the Dublin Police Court on Saturday last, and remanded until this morning, when he will be brought before Mr. Collins, K.C., in the Northern Court. He is at present in Mountjoy Prison.

Bergin's body, in which there were bullet marks, was found in the Royal Canal at Miltown, County Kildare, on 14th December, 1923, and in the early hours of the morning a blood-stained motor car was found abandoned near Dublin.

GARDENER FOUND DEAD.

TRAGIC AFFAIR AT INCHICORE.

"That the deceased was found lying dead in a passage leading to his residence, and that his death was due to shock and hemorrhage, following rupture of a blood vessel in the region of the forehead, probably caused by an accidental fall over a plank while endeavouring to reach his house," was the verdict of the jury at an inquest held by Mr. Friery, Coroner for North County Dublin, yesterday into the death of Richard Murphy, a gardener, aged about thirty, who resided at Bluebell cottages, Inchicore.

It appeared that the unfortunate man's body was found at 6.30 o'clock on Monday morning by a worker who was returning from his employment in Messrs. Guinness's Brewery. The path is off the bank of the Grand Canal, and Murphy to reach his house by this way had to cross a river which is spanned by a plank. It is assumed that in trying to find his way in the darkness he fell, striking his head against the stones. There was a wound over his right eye and a cut in the forehead.

GUARDSMAN'S FATE.

IRISHMAN'S BODY FOUND IN THE THAMES.

The death of Private Patrick Finn (23), of the Coldstream Guards, stationed at Warley Barracks, Essex, formed the subject of an inquiry held by Mr. Ingleby Oddie, the Coroner, at Westminster yesterday.

Lance-Sergeant Harold Tully stated that when Finn left the barracks on December 24 on leave till December 29 he was in good health.

Police Constable Clarke stated that at 7.30 a.m. on Christmas Day he saw a soldier's belt in a small boat near Lambeth Bridge, and later the body of Finn lying face downwards in the mud.

Second Lieutenant Walter Barttelot, Coldstream Guards, produced a letter which arrived for Finn after he left the barracks.

The Coroner said that it was dated December 24 and was from the dead man's father in Ireland. It was a family letter wishing him a happy Christmas. Mr. Oddie added that he would keep the letter and file it with the papers.

The Coroner remarked on the possibility of the man having stumbled and fallen in the mud while drunk, but in the absence of any direct or circumstantial evidence he said that he would return an open verdict.

CHURCH SERVICES.

WATCH NIGHT.

St. Ann's Church, Dawson street.—8 p.m., Rev. J. H. Alcock.

St. Columba's Church, Ranelagh.—11.15 p.m., Rev. W. Bell.

St. Andrew's Church.—11 p.m., Rev. R. Northridge.

St. George's.—11 p.m., Canon Greer.

St. Aidan's.—11 p.m., Rev. J. T. Cummins.

St. Augustine's.—11 p.m., Rev. R. Watson.

The Free Church.—11 p.m., Rev. R. K. Flewett.

St. Mark's.—11 p.m., Rev. J. Carson.

St. Kevin's, S.C. road.—11 p.m., Rev. R. Bird.

St. Catherine's.—11.15 p.m.

St. Victor's.—11.15 p.m.

Drumcondra Parish.—11 p.m., Rev. H. C. Cave.

North Strand Parish.—11 p.m., Rev. N. D. Emerson.

St. James's District Church.—11 p.m.

All Saints' Church, Grangegorman.—11.15 p.m.

St. Jude's, Kilmainham.—11 p.m., Rev. P. W. Coster.

St. Paul's.—11.15 p.m., Service and Holy Communion, Rev. R. Saunderson Griffin.

St. Brigid's Church, Stillorgan.—8 p.m.

St. Paul's Church, Glenageary.—11 p.m.

Harold's Cross Parish Church.—12 noon, Litany. 11.30 p.m., Service and Holy Communion.

Christ Church, Blackrock.—11.15 p.m., Rev. George M. Elliott.

Christ Church, Kingstown.—8 p.m.

Clontarf Parish Church.—11.15 p.m., Rev. Charles Tyndall.

METHODIST CHURCHES.

St. Stephen's Green.—11 p.m., Rev. W. J. Oliver.

Dolphin's Barn.—11 p.m., Rev. T. J. Irwin.

Blackrock.—11 p.m., Rev. A. E. Carson.

Brighton road.—11 p.m., Rev. James M. Alley.

Charleston road.—11 p.m., Rev. R. Lee Cole.

Kingsland Park.—11 p.m., Rev. W. R. Lumley.

Kingstown.—11 p.m., Rev. J. A. Duke.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCHES.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Dublin (a Branch of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass.), 35 Molesworth street.—Services—Sunday, 11.30 a.m., 7 p.m.; Sunday School, 11.30 a.m. Wednesday (Testimony Meeting), 8 p.m. The Christian Science Reading Room, same address, is open to the public daily from 11 a.m.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Rathmines (a Branch Church of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass.).—Services, at which all are welcome—Sunday, 11.30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday School, 11.30 a.m. Wednesday (Testimony Meeting), 8 p.m. Christian Science Reading Room, Church Building, Rathmines Park, open daily, free to the public, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Open on Wednesdays from 11 to 7.30 and Saturdays from 11 to 7 o'clock. Sunday, 4 to 6.30.

THE CROYDON DISASTER.—The interment of the body of Flight-Lieutenant D. A. Stewart, the pilot who was killed in the Croydon disaster, took place at Hull yesterday afternoon. The body was accompanied on the train from London by the widow and son of the deceased officer, the latter wearing his father's medals.

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Other Receipts

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By Savings Certificates
By 5 p.c. National Loan
Ways & Means Advances
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FREE STATE REVENUE.

HOLIDAY WEEK.

The week ending December 27 included the Christmas holidays, and the Free State revenue is, therefore, much smaller, the total reaching only £169,150, and compares with the previous full week, when £820,988 was received, as follows:—

	Last Week.	Previous Week.
Customs	£58,000	£153,000
Excise	40,000	400,000
Motor Tax	—	1,000
Estate Duty	15,000	10,000
Stamps	5,000	17,000
Income Tax	22,000	220,000
Corporation Tax	—	3,000
Excess Profits	—	—
Post Office	475	340,338
Land and Sundry	13,328	14,982
Other Receipts	17,821	2,006
	£169,150	£820,988

Nothing was spent on the Central Fund or Supply Services, but £18,000 was advanced under the Unemployment Insurance Acts. Less this sum, the total revenue for the week (£151,150) goes to swell the balance in the Exchequer, which on December 27 stood at £5,770,826.

The Revenue Receipts in the last six weeks were:—

December 27	£169,150
,, 20	820,988
,, 13	426,486
,, 6	411,389
November 29	787,225
,, 22	538,915

TOTAL RECEIPTS AND ISSUES.

The total receipts from April 1 to December 27 (excluding balances) amount to £20,206,828, as compared with £33,665,211 in the same period of 1923. The Exchequer issues for the same periods are £17,832,514 and £26,562,408, respectively. The balance in the Exchequer this year stands at £5,770,826, as compared with £7,299,915 in 1923.

OFFICIAL FIGURES.

The following are the receipts into and issues out of the Exchequer between the 1st April, 1924, and the 27th December, 1924:—

Revenue and other Receipts.	Total Receipts into the Exchequer from April 1, 1924, to Dec. 27, 1924.	Previous from April 1, 1923, to Dec. 29, 1923.
	£	£
REVENUE.		
Customs	5,813,000	6,114,000
Excise	5,930,000	7,640,000
Motor Vehicle Duties	196,500	193,000
Estate, etc., Duties	439,000	704,000
Stamps	313,000	326,000
Property and Income Tax (including Super Tax and Mineral Rights Duty)	3,570,000	2,930,000
Corporation Profits Tax	154,000	312,000
Excess Profits Tax	2,000	36,000
Post Office	1,150,000	1,200,000
Miscellaneous—		
Receipts on account of Land Purchase Annuities and Sundry Loans	667,619	1,632,587
Other Receipts	940,209	1,599,624
Total Revenue	19,265,328	22,487,211
OTHER RECEIPTS.		
Repayment of Temporary Advances—		
Under the Unemployment Insurance Acts	20,000	—
Money raised by Creation of Debt—		
By Irish Free State Bills		1,714,000
By Savings Certificates	236,500	528,000
By 5 p.c. National Loan		7,400,000
Ways & Means Advances—		
By Public Departments	687,000	1,536,000
Total Receipts	20,208,828	33,665,211
Balance in Exchequer on April 1, 1924, and April 1, 1923	3,594,512	197,112
Total	23,803,340	33,862,323

Expenditure and other Issues.	Total Issues out of the Exchequer to meet payments from April 1, 1924, to Dec. 27, 1924.	April 1, 1923, to Dec. 29, 1923.
	£	£
EXPENDITURE.		
Central Fund Services	1,814,044	1,554,675
Supply Services	14,817,670	24,405,733
Total Expenditure	16,631,714	25,940,408
OTHER ISSUES.		
Temporary Advances—		
Under the Unemployment Insurance Acts	186,000	282,000
Savings Certificates paid off	62,800	5,000
Irish Free State Bills paid off	814,000	—
Ways and Means Advances Repaid—		
Public Departments	138,000	335,000
Total Issues	17,832,514	26,562,408
Balance in Exchequer on December 27, 1924, and December 29, 1923	5,770,826	7,299,915
Total	23,603,340	33,862,323

DUBLIN LABOUR TROUBLES.

There was no development yesterday in the labour dispute in the Dublin Fish Market. Owing to the storm, supplies of fish were virtually negligible, only about eighteen boxes having to be dealt with, consequently the markets looked rather deserted. Two policemen remained on duty in the event of any trouble.

The situation arising from the strike of fifteen bill-posters employed by Messrs. David Allen and Sons, Dublin, presented no new feature yesterday. Picketing was continued during the day.

BELFAST TRAMWAY SYSTEM.

SUB-COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

RETRENCHMENT AND REFORM URGED.

The Committee of the Belfast Corporation appointed recently to inquire into the local tramway management has presented a majority and a minority report to the General Purposes Committee of the Corporation.

The signatories of the majority report express the belief that the general manager is carrying out effectively the system of management developed under his predecessor, but is of opinion that the introduction of drastic changes necessary to afford greater facilities to the travelling public, and, at the same time, reduce the congestion in the immediate centre of the city, has become imperative, and will have to be dealt with heroically.

The report states that the traffic revenue per car mile is good, but the revenue per mile of single track is small, while the capital expenditure per mile of single track stands fifth in order of magnitude of the leading systems in the United Kingdom. It is very much higher than the figures for Leeds, Liverpool, and Manchester, and exceeds the figures for Bradford and Salford by 75 per cent. and 90 per cent., respectively. Unfortunately the Belfast figures for the number of passengers and the traffic revenue per mile of single track are the lowest out of eleven tramway systems compared. It is clear that the track mileage laid down in Belfast is in excess of what the traffic potentialities warrant, and further expenditure in laying down unprofitable extensions would be most unwise.

The rates of pay for motor men and conductors call for no observation, but the rates for car cleaners, brakemen, control cleaners, and greasers appear to be higher than in most other towns.

The Sub-Committee is of opinion that the undertaking is, if anything, overmanned at present.

FINANCIAL POSITION.

Attention is directed to the financial position of the undertaking as indicated by the following statement:—

Traffic revenue per mile of single track	£5,836
Working expenses per mile of single track	4,111
Fixed charges per mile of single track	1,254
Balance available for other purposes per mile of single track	471

Out of the narrow margin of £471 per mile provision must be made for depreciation. It is, therefore, clear that any large additions to the burdens on the undertaking would be a matter for grave anxiety. The Treasurer directs special attention to the enormous expenditure on reconstruction that must be faced during the next few years, and the consequent increase in the capital charges on the undertaking. Bearing in mind the estimated cost of the superannuation scheme authorised by the local Act of 1924, the Sub-Committee have reached the conclusion embodied in the last paragraph of the Treasurer's report, where he says: "It is, therefore, imperative that for several years to come no capital expenditure on extensions should be permitted, while every effort should be made by economical administration to provide large annual appropriations to be used in consolidating the financial position of the undertaking."

They are of opinion that before any further extensions are undertaken or any large capital outlay incurred, the possibilities of motor 'bus services should be fully explored.

In a minority report Alderman Nixon recommends:—

1. That in all future contracts the lowest tender be accepted, provided such tender is to specification, and that the security and other essentials are satisfactory.

2. That no further extensions be undertaken until the following matters be carefully considered:—(a) Whether the extension when completed will produce a paying revenue; (b) whether the parties urging the extension have an ulterior motive, such as increasing the value of building ground or other property; (c) the possibilities of the motor 'bus service.

3. That there be no unnecessary interference with the manager.

It is understood that the General Purposes Committee adopted the majority report, and then proceeded to consider amendments with reference to the position of the general manager. No conclusion was reached in reference to this matter, and its consideration was adjourned.

ARMY OFFICER'S RESIGNATION.

The *Dublin Gazette* announces that Second Lieutenant Thomas St. John, having tendered in writing his resignation of his commission as an officer in Oglaigh na hEireann, the Executive Council have accepted the resignation, and have withdrawn his commission accordingly, with effect as from the 2nd day of January, 1925.

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And back of the flour the mill;
And back of the mill, the wheat and
the shower,
The sun and the Father's Will."

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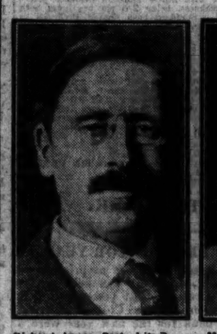

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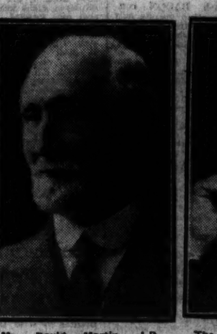

Mr. David Martin, J.P., whose death took place at Lyttelton, Newry.

The Ven. Archdeacon P. Flanagan, of Aughrim, Drumone, who died on St. Stephen's Day.

TO-DAY'S NEWS IN BRIEF.

CHANCE FOR THE CHARITABLE.—The Royal Northern Hospital, Holloway, London, require £1,648 before mid-day to-morrow to claim the £20,000 offered by Sir Howell Williams.

SELF HELP.—"Some people's idea of first-aid is to help themselves," was the coroner's comment at the inquest on a man who was fatally injured in Waterloo road, London, and was robbed of £6 5s. while he lay unconscious.

CLOWN'S COURAGE.—Whimsical Walker, the 74-year-old clown, who underwent an operation in his dressing room at Olympia, London, last week, was still weak on Monday, but appeared at the circus matinee, and was given a vociferous welcome.

THE WAGES OF LAUGHTER.—Mr. George Robey, the comedian, will, at the end of his present contract, go into a new show at the London Palladium, and will receive a record salary, surpassing his present salary of £600 a week.

EXPRESS KILLS HOUNDS.—A Great Western express from Oxford to Paddington ran into the South Oxon hounds and killed four of them. The express, which could not pull up in time to avoid the pack, was delayed only a few minutes.

LORD DALMENY INJURED.—Lord Dalmeny, Master of the Whaddon Chase Hunt, who was thrown in the hunting field on Boxing Day, is making a satisfactory recovery. His horse fell and rolled on him, causing severe injury to his head, and he was severely shaken.

SECRETS OF THE AMAZON.—Mr. M. A. Snow, a New York explorer, has announced that he is preparing an expedition to the Upper Amazon River to search for a race of monkey men, whom he is convinced exist in that region. It is expected that the expedition will start in March or April.

AGED BARRISTER'S SAD END.—Mr. Richard Harrop, a barrister in his ninetieth year, was burned to death at Hale Barns, Cheshire. He was found in his room with his head resting on the fire grate and his clothing in flames. Apparently the old man had a seizure and fell backwards into the fireplace, never regaining consciousness.

DOG'S FOUL PLAY.—Playing for the Flimby Football Club against Glasgow, J. Robley, a Cumberland County Rugby League three-quarter, was severely bitten by a terrier, which rushed at him after he was tackled. The dog became excited owing to the shouts of the crowd and the struggling of the players.

A MUSICAL VOYAGE.—The Aorangi, the world's largest motor ship, which leaves Southampton on Friday on her maiden voyage to Australia, is the first ocean liner to be fitted with apparatus for broadcasting to her own passengers and crew. Music played in the saloon will be heard over practically the whole ship.

BIG FIRE NEAR CHESTERFIELD.—Fire broke out early yesterday morning in the timber yards of Messrs. Green's Timber and Joinery Company, Whittington Moor, near Chesterfield, and the damage is estimated at £25,000. Fanned by half a gal., the flames spread with great rapidity, and a number of railway wagons were consumed as if they had been matchwood. About 100 men were rendered idle.

GLOVES CAUSE HUGE FIRE.—The action of a girl whose fur-backed gloves had accidentally been set alight caused a £6,000 fire at West Auckland. She hastily threw the gloves down, and they fell in some petrol on the floor of a garage. In a few minutes the garage was ablaze. The building, a three-storey one, comprising the garage, a dwelling-house and a dance hall, was destroyed.

GOLFER'S ENGAGEMENT.—Great interest was aroused in sporting circles by the announcement that Mr. Roger Wethered, the golfer, is to marry the Duke of Portland's niece, Miss Elizabeth Cavendish-Bentinck, daughter of Lord and Lady Charles Cavendish-Bentinck. Mr. Wethered, who is on the Stock Exchange, is 25, and Miss Cavendish-Bentinck 23. He was captain of the Oxford University Golf Club in 1920, runner-up in the open championship in 1921, after tying with Hutchison, and won the amateur championship in 1923.

A DUKE'S GIFT.—A right of way has been granted through the beautiful park surrounding Chatsworth, the home of the Cavendish family, the Dukes of Devonshire. Thousands of tourists motoring through Derbyshire to view the palatial mansion have been conceded a roadway protected by a lodge and gates. The present Duke has been prepared to give the right of road to the public for some years past, and has handed over his right in perpetuity to the County Council, who have issued the official notice making the road public. The park road is two miles in length.

FAMOUS ENTERTAINER DEAD.—Paul Martinetti, the pantomimist, has died in Algiers, where he had been staying for some time in an endeavour to regain his health. He became ill about eight or nine months ago. Paul Martinetti probably knew more about pantomime than any man now living. He believed there was no story, however subtle, that could not be conveyed by pantomime alone, without the aid of words. One of the great advantages of these wordless plays, of course, was that they were welcomed in any country, irrespective of language.

BADGERS' BID FOR FREEDOM.—Ten days ago two badgers escaped from the premises of Mr. C. W. Lloyd, a naturalist, of Oswestry, and burrowed along underground passages made by rats. They worked their way under cottages, and as they were active only by night they alarmed numbers of inhabitants. On Monday Mr. Lloyd went to a cottage where the badgers were last heard, and, digging down three feet, discovered them curled up. On being roused the leader bolted, and was followed by its partner along a roof. Unable to recapture them alive, Mr. Lloyd shot the animals, which weighed 20lb. and 31lb., respectively.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE.—The Freedom of Hull which was offered him in 1919, will be conferred on Mr. Lloyd George on February 9th.

THEATRICAL MANAGER'S DEATH.—Mr. Tom Pitt, business manager of the Lyric Theatre, Shaftesbury avenue, London, was found dead in his bed yesterday morning.

A FATAL YAWN.—Sarah Berry, aged 49, wife of a miner of Monk Bretton, near Barnsley, dislocated her jaw by yawning, and, whilst under an anæsthetic, collapsed and died in the doctor's surgery.

WELSH BARD'S DEATH.—John Edwards, a well-known Welsh bard, and his wife, died at Caerphilly within six hours of each other. The former was 80 years of age, and the latter 79.

STEEPLECHASE FATALITY.—Mr. Andrew Thompson, who was injured at Sedgefield Steeplechases on Friday, died on Monday night in Darlington Hospital. He sustained his injuries as the result of the horse rolling over him.

VICAR'S FATAL ACCIDENT.—The death occurred at Ipswich yesterday of the Rev. Roland Cooke, Vicar of St. John's, following a motor accident of a fortnight ago, when his car skidded and overturned. He was formerly Curate of Duddeston, Birmingham, and Cheltenham.

RAILWAY MISHAP.—A number of mineral wagons left the metals at Weddrington on the main line some few miles from Newcastle, yesterday, and blocked both lines. A passenger train from Edinburgh had to be diverted by Carlisle. The 10 o'clock Scotch express got through.

NOT IN THE FREE STATE.—"The Post Office has been ready for the re-introduction of the penny post for two years," declared Mr. John Scott, Postmaster of Birmingham, in an address to the local Rotary Club. The limit will start in March or April.

AGED BARRISTER'S SAD END.—Mr. Richard Harrop, a barrister in his ninetieth year, was burned to death at Hale Barns, Cheshire. He was found in his room with his head resting on the fire grate and his clothing in flames. Apparently the old man had a seizure and fell backwards into the fireplace, never regaining consciousness.

THE CLYDEBANK EVICTIONS.—A few hours after the sheriff's officers had departed from Clydebank yesterday afternoon the four evicted families were restored to their houses by a small crowd. The Clydebank factors believe that the evictions, which are to continue, are the only means of forcing the Government to interfere, although the tenants return to their homes immediately after the evictions in every case.

THE BRECHIN EXHUMATION.—In connection with the Brechin exhumation case, the local police stated yesterday that it might be taken that the last had been heard of the case. The only official disclosure is that the man Keith Nicoll died from arsenical poisoning, but as the authorities are not proceeding any further with their investigations, it is assumed that they are satisfied that the man's death was not due to foul play.

MEDAL FOR RESCUING HORSE.—The Silver Medal of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was presented to Albert Hall at Bristol by the Lord Mayor. On a dark night in October a horse was missed from its stable, and its driver called friends from their beds to search for it. Eventually it was discovered that the animal had fallen from the roadway, six or seven feet down, on to a mud bank of the Avon. The tide was out, and Hall rescued the horse by leading it some distance along the river bank, at great danger to himself.

VIOLENT LUNATIC'S DEATH.—At the County Mental Hospital, Whittingham, Lancashire, yesterday, a verdict of death from misadventure was returned at the inquest on John Leonard Cooke, 34, of Bolton, who was admitted in October suffering from epilepsy and insanity. It was stated that on Boxing night Cooke suddenly struck Arthur Chapman, an attendant, between the eyes, and was continuing to aim blows when they closed, rolled on the ground and finally fell down a flight of fourteen steps. Cooke died soon afterwards.

A GIRL'S FLIGHT.—Fearing that she was suspected of stealing a watch—which was subsequently found—a Glasgow girl ran away from Scarinish, Argyllshire, and was not found for thirteen days. During this time she existed on two small packages of biscuits and a jar of marmalade, eked out with turnips from the fields. She was only discovered accidentally by her employer's son in a hay loft, huddled up in a large cloak, after the whole island had been searched by over a score of volunteers organised by the local police.

YOUNG LADY'S SUICIDE.—An inquest was held at Cheltenham yesterday on Miss Frances Aitken (28), who was found shot dead in the smoke-room of her house, with the top of her head blown away. Colonel F. M. Aitken, formerly of the Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders, said that his daughter had been ill for a long time—mentally rather than physically—and had been attended by two doctors. She was intensely melancholy last Saturday, and when she went out for a ride he promised to follow and join her. He did not find her, and on returning home discovered her lying dead. A verdict of suicide while insane was returned.

A BABY'S ADVENTURE.—Two women who were seeing friends off at Paddington forgot the baby they had left in a compartment of the 2.45 express to Reading. With a shock, they remembered the child just after the train had started, and in their distress went to the stationmaster and explained the position. A telephone message was sent to Reading, and there the assistant stationmaster, Mr. Buckingham, met the baby, a little boy, and had him taken to his office, where he was kept warm for an hour until handed over to the guard of the next train to London. The guard brought the baby back to Paddington and restored him to his mother.

BROADCASTING.

TO-DAY.

The letters "S.B." signify a Simultaneous Broadcast from the station mentioned.

LONDON (2LO)—365 Metres.

4.0-5.0—Time Signal from Greenwich. Concert: The "2LO" Trio and Myra Quinn (baritone) in Hebrew songs. "My Part of the Country," by A. Bonnet Laird. Winter Sports, by K. Herrick. 5.30-6.15—Children. 6.40-6.55—Captain C. Lestock Reid, "The Hunter Hunted." 7.0—Time Signal from Big Ben. Weather and News. S.B. to all stations. Mr. C. H. B. Quennell: "Everyday Life in Stuart and Georgian Times." S.B. to all Stations. 7.30—Jack Hellier (entertainer). The London Male Voice Octet, in carols and part songs. The Wireless Orchestra. 9.30—Time Signal from Greenwich. Weather and News. S.B. to all stations. The Week's Work in the Garden, by the Royal Horticultural Society. S.B. to all stations. Mr. J. C. Stobart: "The Art of Living: The Annual Audit." S.B. to all stations. 10.6—The Savoy Orpheans and Savoy Havana Bands. S.B. to all stations. 11.30—Christmastide and New Year Carols. S.B. to all stations. 11.45—New Year Address by the Rev. Archibald Fleming, of St. Columba's (Church of Scotland), Pont street, W. S.B. to all stations. "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" (Tune: "Old Hundredth"). "Auld Lang Syne." 12.0—Big Ben. S.B. to all stations. Close.

BIRMINGHAM (5IT)—475 Metres.

3.30-4.30—The Station Piano Quintet. Elsie G. Gegg (dramatic recital), Charles Wreford (entertainer). 5.0-5.30—Women. 5.30-5.45—Children. 7.0—Weather Forecast and News. S. B. from London. Mr. C. H. B. Quennell, S.B. from London. 7.30—"Maritana." Maritana, Emily Broughton; Lazrillo, Alice Vaughan; Don Cæsar, Geoffrey Adams; Don José, James Howell; The King of Spain, Harold Casey. Chorus of courtiers, pages, soldiers. The Station Repertory Chorus. The Station Augmented Orchestra. 9.30-12.0—Programme S.B. from London.

BOURNEMOUTH (6BM)—385 Metres.

3.45-5.0—Women: "Christmas Stories by Dickens," by Walter Butler. The Orpheus Trio: H. L. G. Gibson (flute), R. G. Somers (oboe), Charles Leeson (at the piano). Tom Kinniburgh (bass). 5.0-6.30—Children. 7.0—Weather and News. S.B. from London. Mr. C. H. B. Quennell, S.B. from London. 7.30-8.0—Interval. Winter Gardens Night. 8.0—Ernest Eady (baritone), Jock Waller (the Scottish comedian), the Municipal Orchestra. 9.30-12.0—Programme S.B. from London.

CARDIFF (5WA)—351 Metres.

3.0-4.0—Orchestra. 4.45-5.15—"5WA'S." "Five O'Clocks." 5.15-6.0—Children. 6.45-7.0—Mrs. De Courcy Hamilton: Reading from the Poem, "The Eternal Quest." 7.0—Weather and News. S.B. from London. Mr. C. H. B. Quennell, S.B. from London. 7.30—A New Revue of the Old Year and the New. 9.30-12.0—Programme S.B. from London.

MANCHESTER (2ZY)—375 Metres.

3.30-4.30—Music. 4.30-5.0—Women. Minnie Thornly (soprano). 5.0-6.0—Children. 7.0—Weather and News. Mr. C. H. B. Quennell, S.B. from London. 7.15-7.30—Interval. 7.30—Excerpts from the programmes of the B.B.C. Main Stations will be relayed in turn. 9.30—Weather and News. Royal Horticultural Society Talk. S.B. from London. Mr. J. C. Stobart. S.B. from London. Local News. 10.5—Louis Hertel (entertainer). 10.20-12.0—Programme S.B. from London.

NEWCASTLE (5NO)—400 Metres.

3.45-5.15—The Station Septet. Hilda Vincent (soprano). McLellan, illustrated by Isabel Spence (soprano). 5.15-6.30—Children. 6.45-7.0—Farmers. 7.0—Weather Forecast and News. S.B. from London. Mr. C. H. B. Quennell, S.B. from London. 7.30—Florence Holding (soprano), John Perry (tenor). The Station Orchestra. 9.30-12.0—Programme S.B. from London.

GLASGOW (2SC)—420 Metres.

3.30-4.50—The Wireless Quartet. May L. Smyllie (Gaelic soprano). 5.15-6.0—Children. 6.0-6.5—Weather for Farmers. 7.0—Weather and News. Mr. C. H. B. Quennell, S.B. from London. 7.30—Hogmanay Night. The Station Repertory Company. The Station Choir and Orchestra. Alexander MacGregor (baritone). 7.50—"Hogmanay" ("New Year's Eve"), a comedy in one act, "SSC'S" Repertory Company. Incidental music by the Wireless Quartet. 9.30-12.0—Programme S.B. from London.

LIVERPOOL (6LV)—315 Metres.

3.30-4.30—Orchestra. 5.30-6.30—Children. 7.0-11.0—London Programme.

BELFAST (2BE)—435 Metres.

4.0-5.0—The "2BE" Quartet. 5.30-6.15—Children. 7.0—Weather and News. S.B. from London. Mr. C. H. B. Quennell, S.B. from London. 7.30—The Station Orchestra. Robert Burnett, Ernest A. A. Stanley (solo violin). Pipe Major J. Haywood (Seaforth Highlanders). Donald McKay (Scottish Humorist). Piper: March, Strathspey and Reels (Traditional). Orchestra: Overture, "Heart of Midlothian" (Thomson). Songs: "I Gaed a Waefu Gate Yestreen," "The Piper o' Dundee," "The Land o' the Leal," "Scots Wha Hae" (Stephen-Burnett). Orchestra: two movements from the Scottish Symphony (Mendelssohn). Violin Solo: a new Fantasy on "A Guid New Year tae One an' A" (Stoneley). Songs: "The Sea Rig," "My Love She's But a Lassie Yet," "Come Under My Plaidie," "A Man's a Man for A' That" (Stephen-Burnett). Orchestra: Keltic Suite (Foulds). Humorist: "She's The Lass For Me," "Chic," "The Rose o' the Hoose" (H. Lauder). Orchestra: Selection, "The Thistle" (Mydleton); One-step, "Scotch Medley" (Somers); Patrol, "The Wee Macgregor" (Ahlers). 9.30-12.0—Programme S.B. from London.

IRISH DOCTOR'S TRAGIC DEATH.

EVIDENCE AT THE INQUEST.

When the inquest into the death of Dr. Charles Pentland, who was killed outside his house in Gower street, Bloomsbury, on Sunday morning, December 21st, after a collision between a motor lorry and a motor car, was resumed yesterday afternoon at Holborn Coroner's Court, the Deputy Coroner had the assistance of a jury, to whom evidence given at the former inquest was read over.

Both drivers, who are under remand charged with manslaughter, decided, on their solicitor's advice, not to give evidence.

The jury returned a verdict of accidental death, but expressed the view that there had been negligence on the part of both drivers.

The Coroner said that the jury must say what amount of negligence had been shown.

The jury having again retired, they informed the Coroner that they were of opinion that the verdict should be one of accidental death arising out of the greasy road and slight negligence on the part of both drivers but that there was not sufficient negligence to justify a verdict of manslaughter.

Sympathy with the relatives was expressed on behalf of the owners of the vehicles.

SMOKING IN BED.

EX-SOLDIER'S SHOCKING END.

How an ex-soldier was burned to death through smoking in bed was described at an inquest in Belfast yesterday.

He was James Magill (68), of Garston street, an out-of-work labourer, and had been in bed a few hours when smoke coming from his room attracted the attention of the other occupants of the house.

When they entered Magill was found in a badly burned condition. He was lying face downwards on the floor, which was burning underneath him, and his clothes were also alight. The man's head, body and hands were severely burned.

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GARAGE (Kingstown), recently built; water service, washing table; moderate terms.—D 1057, this office. T

GARAGE Wanted, two seater, vicinity Villiers road, Highfield road, Rathgar; state terms.—D 1737, this office. 29 E

GARAGE, with House, to rent or purchase; Stabling and Yard to rent.—D 1894, this office.

LARGE Building, near South quays, to Let, suitable for Stores. Address "Z 3542, Stores," this office.

OFFICES to Let, Second Floor, best part of Nassau street.—D 1676, this office. 27 D

OFFICES—Wanted, 2 or 3 small Rooms, first floor, vicinity Grafton street; moderate.—D 1817, this office. 29 E

OFFICE, central, beside Grafton street.—White's, 7 Johnston's Court. 30 F

RATHMINES—Grocery and Tobacco Business, going concern; £500.—Messrs. Towers, 11 Lower Abbey street.

SHOP and House, North city; free of rent; possession; £600.—Towers, 11 Lower Abbey street.

SHOP and House, Liffey street (close Henry street), for immediate Sale; splendid position; possession entire.—Messrs. Holden, Auctioneers, Saint Andrew street.

TO Let, First Floor Offices, Number 13 Parliament street. Apply to S. Green, 50 Dufferin avenue, Dublin. 24 C

THREE large Offices to Let. Apply Sullivan, 12 Fleet street. 27 D

TO Let, Garage or large Store. Apply 7 Gardiner's place. 29 E

WANTED, Garage, to hold three lorries, vicinity Pearse street preferred, but not essential; full details, etc.—D 1761, this office. 29 E

WHOLESALE Produce Merchant's Business for Sale in Belfast; long established Import and Export Trade; owner retiring from the business. Full particulars from Box No. 1558, Irish Times Branch office, Belfast. 29 E

WOODENBRIDGE, Co. Wicklow—Important Sale of valuable freehold property, known as Woodenbridge Private Hotel, with licence attached; containing 14 apartments, fully furnished, with five additional new Bungalows and Pavilion to seat 100, all fitted with electric light and good water supply, orchard, garden, etc. The property is situate in a central position, 5 minutes from station and golf links, and will be sold as a going concern, fully furnished and equipped, free from rent; P.L.V. £15 16/-. There is also a large provision stores connected to above. Apply Condren's, Arklow. 30 D

WANTED, in Co. Meath, a Farm of 200 or 300 acres (Irish), with good residence. Address "Z 238, Farm," this office. 30 D

2 LARGE Offices to Let, electric and fittings, off Grafton street.—D 1902, this office. 30 D

STABLING AND GRAZING.

FOXROCK—Grazing to Let; well watered, sheltered, and quiet.—D 1856, this office.

GRAZING to Let, County Meath—150 Acres of Prime Fattening Land for 11 months. Address "Z 235, Grazing," this office. 30 F

HOUSES AND LANDS FOR SALE.

AT Cabra—Double fronted compact House, in splendid condition, for sale, with possession, containing 8 apartments, good garden; long lease; £900.—North and Co., Grafton street. X

AT Grosvenor place, Rathmines—Compact House, 7 apartments, hot bath; held free of rent for ever.—North and Co., Grafton street. X

AT Stillorgan—Detached Non Basement Residence, on about two acres. House contains 8 apartments, hot bath, motor garage, tennis court.—North and Co., Grafton street. X

AT Dun Laoghaire—Detached House; 3 reception, 5 bedrooms, maid's room, hot bath, garden; £1,400. North and Co., Grafton street. X

AT Clontarf—Non Basement House; five apartments, hot bath; rear entrance; room for car; £750.—North and Co., Grafton street. X

A NEAT, compact House, vacant possession, off South Circular road, Kilmainham; head rent £3; lease 999 years; price £620.—V 30, Irish Times Branch Office, Kingstown.

AS Club, Institution or Trades Society—One large House, known 168 and 169 Townsend street, adjoining Central Fire Station; Meeting Hall and two exceptionally large Rooms. Open daily. 30 F

AT Gracepark road, Drumcondra—Modern non basement semi detached House for Sale, with possession, only £925; 6 rooms, kitchen, hot bath, garden. Apply Dockrell Limited, South Great George's street. 30 E

BIJOU Detached Residence, Rosseville House, 19 Corrig avenue, Dun Laoghaire (Kingstown), Sell—8 rooms, bath, garden (front and rear), summer house; lease 78 years; rent £12; inspection invited; possession January. 26 C

CLONTARF—Non-basement, 6 roomed Residence, bath, rear entrance, room for car, £740; possession.—Corrigan and Co., 4 Grafton street. T

CLONTARF, St. Lawrence road (18); two sitting-rooms, five bedrooms, modern conveniences; near tram. Auction next Wednesday.—Messrs. Holden, Saint Andrew street.

DRUMCONDRA—Excellent modern House, possession; price £800.—Messrs. Towers, 11 Lower Abbey street.

ENNISKERRY—House and Bungalow, Colonial style; electric light, bath, garage, 2½ acres; owner emigrating.—Kinsella, Auctioneer, Florence road, Bray. 29 E

FOR Sale (with possession), 17 Victoria Villas, Charlemont road, Clontarf; 6 rooms, bath, h. and c., conservatory, and garage; price £685. 30 F

GARAGE and six roomed Dwellinghouse, adjoining Central Fire Station, 165 Townsend street; 99 years' lease. Apply 98 Merrion road. 30 F

HOUSE for Sale, with possession, vicinity Northbrook road; 3 reception, 4 bedrooms, maid's, bath (h.c., gas; small ground rent.—Rochfort Doyle, Auctioneer, Greystones. 28 X

INCHICORE—Dairy, with two private Houses adjoining; price £850.—Towers, 11 Lower Abbey street.

LANSDOWNE road—Choice Semi Detached Residence for Sale; splendid garden (tram end), overlooking Trinity College Botanic Gardens; price £2,700 or near offer; view by appointment.—D 1688, this office. 29 D

STOP paying rent; purchase your Home. Easy instalments.—Corbett, 18 Ormond quay. 12 29

TENEMENT House for Sale; large vacant Stores at rear; suitable for garage. Apply 1 Upper Kevin street. 30 F

VICINITY of S.C. road—Modern seven Roomed House, newly done up, large bathroom, h. and c., two w.c.'s, side entrance; garden front and rear; long lease; immediate possession to purchaser. Reply D 1851, this office. 30 D

55 STRAND road, Sandymount; possession; eight apartments, bath, hot, cold; electric light; garage; garden front, rear; moderate. Apply, letter only. 30 F

HOUSES TO LET.

AT Wellington road—Well Furnished House to Let, reduced rent, £17 monthly. Apply at once, Dockrell Limited, South Great George's street. 30 E

HOUSE to Let, South Co. Dublin, conveniently situated; dining and sittingroom, five bedrooms, bath (hot and cold), garage, small garden. Address "Z 195, House," this office. 29 E

TO be Let, Furnished, a very fine large House, detached, South side; every convenience, telephone, garage, etc.—D 1836, this office. 30 F

HOUSES WANTED.

CITY Service Bureau, 85 Grafton street, for Houses, Flats, Apartments. 29 E

COMPACT Modern House, non basement, South-Eastern line, not further Killiney; 3 reception, 5 bedrooms, exclusive maid's room, bath, etc.—D 1859, this office.

MODERN House Wanted to purchase, within ad. tram fare; give particulars.—D 1709, this office. 28 D

WANTED for three months, Furnished House, suburbs, Dublin; £5 to £6 monthly.—D 1639, this office. 26 C

WANTED to rent or purchase, Modern House; 3 sitting, 4 bedrooms; within 6 miles from Dublin; South side preferred.—D 1755, this office. 30 F

WANTED, small House or Lodge to rent; good tenant; willing to Caretake, or do odd jobs if required; other employment; city.—D 1860, this office. 30 F

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ASTRONOMICAL NOTES FOR JANUARY.

A SOLAR ECLIPSE.

(FROM OUR ASTRONOMICAL CORRESPONDENT.)

THE PLANETS:—

Mercury is a morning star during the early month. He is at his greatest elongation from the Sun on the 17th, when he rises 1 hour 35 minutes before the Sun, and should be visible to the naked eye about 7 a.m. Venus is in nearly the same part of the heavens as Mercury. She rises 35 minutes before him on the 1st and only two minutes on the 31st. At that time the two planets are separated by little more than the angular breadth of the Moon. Though very close to the Sun, the great brilliancy of Venus, rising at 6.37 a.m., should be sufficient to guide the eye to the much more difficult Mercury.

Mars is an evening star, setting practically at midnight all the month. He is moving steadily eastward and northward, and covers rather more than an hour of Right Ascension, all within the constellation Pisces and near no conspicuous stars during January. Jupiter is too near the Sun for observation at the beginning of the month, but towards the end he is close to Mercury and Venus. On the 21st the three planets are grouped in a small triangle in the constellation Sagittarius, all rising within a few minutes of 6.30 a.m. They will form a striking spectacle for the early birds who are afoot at such an hour. Their position will be low down in the South-East. Saturn rises just before 3 a.m. on the 1st and at 1.10 a.m. on the 31st.

THE MOON:—

First Quarter on January 1st at 11.26 p.m.
Full Moon on January 10th at 2.47 p.m.
Last Quarter on January 17th at 11.33 p.m.
New Moon on January 24th at 2.45 p.m.
First Quarter on January 31st at 4.43 p.m.

There will be an occultation of the bright star Aldebaran on the 6th at 3.6 p.m., consequently in daylight. The Moon will be four days before full, and the star will disappear at her dark limb. This will be a good opportunity for the telescopist in a small way to try his eye and telescope at seeing a star in daylight. The Moon, of course, will be easily visible and will form a guide to the place of the star. Reappearance will be at 4.4 p.m. This will not be a grazing occultation. The Moon will pass nearly centrally over the star as seen from Greenwich, and the obscuration will last almost an hour. The Sun sets at Greenwich on January 6th at 4.4 p.m. The reappearance of Aldebaran from behind the Moon will, therefore, be just at the moment of sunset at Greenwich, and should be very easily visible with a small telescope. Observers should look for the disappearance quite twenty minutes earlier in Ireland.

TOTAL ECLIPSE OF THE SUN:—

The most important astronomical event of the month (or, indeed, of the year) is the total eclipse of the Sun on the 24th. The line of total eclipse begins in Central Canada, west of the Great Lakes, crosses the Lakes, covering some part of all of them, enters the United States at Buffalo and leaves them at New York; then crosses the Atlantic to the British Isles. It does not touch land anywhere after leaving New York, but passes a very little outside the Hebrides and North-West Scotland, following very nearly the track of the annular eclipse of April 7th, 1921. It leaves the Earth near the Faroe Islands.

In North-West Ireland and Scotland more than nine-tenths of the Sun's diameter will be covered by the Moon at 3.51 p.m. The beginning of the eclipse (first contact) will be at 2.43 p.m. in Dublin and one minute earlier in Belfast. The greatest phase, when less than a tenth of the Sun's diameter will remain visible, will be, as stated before, a little more than an hour later; and the Sun will set at 4.31, still partly eclipsed. In the Atlantic Ocean, some 100 miles off the coast of Donegal, the eclipse will be total, and darkness will prevail for about two minutes at the middle of the eclipse. Given fine weather during the two hours before sunset on the 24th, a very interesting spectacle is in store for observers.

On the 3rd, at 4 p.m., the Earth is in perihelion, or at her nearest to the Sun, her distance being 91,338,000 miles, as compared with 94,495,000 miles in July.

THE STARS:—

At midnight on January 1st; 11 p.m. on the 15th; 10 p.m. on the 30th.

Constellations on the Meridian: Canis Major, Canis Minor, Monoceros, Gemini. West of the Meridian: Orion, Taurus, Auriga, Perseus, Cassiopeia, Andromeda, Aries. Pisces and Pegasus are setting. Eridanus is low on the South-West horizon. East of the Meridian: Cancer, Leo, Hydra. Virgo is rising, and the top-masts of Argo (the Ship) show low in the South-East. In latitudes 20 degrees further South than ours, Canopus will be shining nearly due South of Sirius, both these brilliants, the two brightest stars in the heavens, being on the Meridian at almost the same time. But, whereas Sirius is bright because he is one of our nearest neighbours among the stars, Canopus is nearly as bright, though he is so far off that we have no exact measure of his distance. Light takes at least 600 years to travel from him to us, and possibly very much more. What a giant he must be!

Canopus is the leading light in the vast constellation of Argo, the mythological ship, whose top-masts just show above our horizon, and whose keel reaches to within 20 degrees of the South Pole. Those who named the constellation must have lived not more than 20 degrees North of the Equator, probably in Egypt. From there the Ship would seem to rest on an even keel on the South horizon at this time of year, while Sirius and Canopus rode resplendently above.

Around the North Pole are, on the East, Ursa Major (the Plough, or Wain); on the West, Cassiopeia and Cepheus. Above is a blank space, occupied by the insignificant constellation Lynx, and containing no bright stars. Below the Pole, Ursa Minor swings by his tail, and around wind the coils of the Dragon, his sinister head, with its two glaring eyes (the stars Beta and Gamma Draconis), seeming to be striking downwards at the horizon where the head of Hercules appears. Bright stars in sight are:—Sirius, Procyon, Betelgeuse, Rigel, Aldebaran, Capella, Castor and Pollux, all in a moderate space of the Southern sky; Regulus, in Leo, in the East. Less brilliant, but conspicuous for their grouping, are the seven stars of the "Plough," Orion's Belt and Sword, the Sickle in Leo, the five stars of Cassiopeia's chair, the Sword of Perseus, Alpha and Beta, Aristis, and the manifold brilliants of Auriga and Gemini, in attendance on Castor, Pollux, and Capella.

The Milky Way rises from the Southern horizon among the Ship's top-masts, and thence wanders through Monoceros, over the shoulder of Orion, between Taurus and Gemini, across Auriga, Perseus, and Cassiopeia, to where the upper stars of the Northern Cross just show above the horizon North by West. Nothing can be more fascinating than searching this glittering track with a low power on the telescope. Groups, clusters, festoons of stars like rich pieces of jewellery, coloured stars, double stars, whorls and loops of stars flit by in bewildering profusion till eye and mind alike tire.

Examine Orion's Belt with a good pair of binoculars: the old-fashioned sort without prisms, and magnifying only three or four times, is best. Each of the three bright stars is seen to be the centre of a loop of small stars, the three forming a series of regular arches like those of a bridge, with a star in the centre of each arch. This arrangement could not possibly be accidental. Try the Pleiades with the same inexpensive and handy instrument. Note the extraordinary richness of the cluster in stars just beyond the powers of the unaided eye. The seven stars of the naked eye, or ten or a dozen to a keen sight, become 1,400 or more with very slight optical assistance. Try the little cloudy fleck in Cancer, called Praesepe, or the Beehive. It becomes a glittering cluster of stars—the most easily resolved of all the nebulae.

METEORS AND FIREBALLS:—

A very brisk shower of meteors from the Geminid radiant was observed about December 13th. Some very fine fireballs occurred among the smaller shooting stars. The shower was at its height about midnight on the date mentioned. A Geminid *maximum* had been predicted by Mr. W. F. Denning for soon after midnight on that date. The Quadrantid radiant may produce some conspicuous meteors during the early days of January.

W. F. A. ELLISON.
Armagh Observatory.

Astronomical Telescopes.—Dixon and Hempenstall, State Opticians, 12 Suffolk street, Dublin.—(Advt.)

PEDIGREED CATTLE SALES.

During 1924 pedigreed cattle and sheep that were publicly sold in Scotland realised £423,832.

The top price for cattle was £3,465 for a shorthorn bull calf, and for sheep £670 for a black-faced ram.

These figures show a decided improvement on 1923 values.

PRODUCE AND FOOD MARKETS.

CATTLE.

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GRAIN.

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PROVISIONS.

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PRODUCE.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

LIVERPOOL COTTON FUTURES (Closing).—Following the over-night reaction in New York, values at Liverpool opened about two to five points easier, and, although trade calling afterwards brought about a slight recovery, realisations later in the morning, together with absence of demand, caused prices to recede again, the noon rates showing a decline on the day of about five to eight points. The afternoon market was somewhat unsettled by further improvement in the sterling New York Exchange and with American cables again coming easier prices gave way a little further. A quiet but steady tone, however, ruled at the close, with the final values ranging 7 to 13 points down on the day. Egyptians quiet, with prices weaker. Current month closed 45 points and other months 35 to 20 points lower on the day. Spot American is in moderated demand, and quotations are one point higher. Egyptian quiet, Sakellaridis "fair" 50, other grades 20 points lower; quotations of upper and brown 10 points lower. East Indian is without change. Brazilian quotations are one point higher. American middling 13.65d., Egyptian sakellaridis F.G.F. 29.65. Sales 5,000 bales. Imports 45,800 bales. General spot tendency quiet. Futures — American tendency quiet, steady; December 13.35d., January 13.35d., February 13.37d., March 13.41d., April 13.44d., May 13.47d., June 13.45d., July 13.45d., August 13.32d., September 13.21d., October 13.06d., November 12.96d., December 12.91.

MANCHESTER TRADE.—Lively interest in cotton fabrics manifested by India outlets continue to be the outstanding feature of our market. Considerable improvements in quality of bids is usually necessary, but occasionally a decent line is practicable. China and minor outlets without important change. American yarns in considerable inquiry and moderate trade in progress. Egyptian situation difficult.

DUBLIN HAY AND STRAW (Smithfield).—Arrivals fair, and demand brisk for everything of good quality, but inferior sorts hard to clear, even at a late hour. Prices:—First crop 7/- to 7/6, second and third crop 6/3 to 6/9, old meadow 5/- to 5/9, inferior 3/- to 4/- per cwt. The fair quantity of straw was easily cleared at 3/3 to 3/9 and 4/- for oaten and 3/6 to 4/- for wheaten.

LONDON HAY AND STRAW.—Liberal arrivals; quiet support. Best meadow hay £5 5/- to £5 15/-, medium £4 5/- to £4 15/-, inferior £3 5/- to £3 15/-, best clover £5 15/- to £6 5/-, best mixtures sainfoin £5 10/- to £6; best trussed wheat straw 85/- to 95/-, barley and oat ditto 85/- to 95/-; all per ton, delivered.

LONDON METALS MARKET.

TIN RISING.

TIN continues to be well supported, and a firm tone governed proceedings, values on balance being 10/- per ton dearer both cash and forward compared with previous close. Standard cash quoted £272 to £272 5/-, three months £275 5/- to £275 10/-; settlement price £272. Sales 1,000 tons, cash £273 5/- to £272, three months £276 10/- to £277 5/-, and finally at £275 10/-; English ingots £272 15/- to 273 5/-. COPPER in good demand, but with sellers more in evidence prices displayed slight weakness, being 2/6 per ton lower both spot and forward. Standard cash quoted £67 5/- to £67 7/6, three months £68 7/6 to £68 10/-; settlement price £67 7/6; 3,600 tons changed hands; cash at £67 7/6, £67 5/-, £67 6/3, three months £68 15/- to £68 7/6, and finally registered at £68 10/-. Electros quoted £71 5/- to £71 15/-, B.S. £70 15/- to £72, B.S. £97, wire bars £71 15/-. LEAD firm to dearer with dealings on a fair scale. 1,500 tons sold; good soft foreign pig December £43 15/- to £44, January £43 10/-, February £42 10/- to £42 17/6, March £41 15/- to £41 12/6, and finally £42 2/6, April £41 15/- to £41 10/-; settlement price £44; English quoted £45. SPELTER steady and in fair demand. 1,200 tons sold, January at £38 15/- to £38 16/3 and £38 15/-, February £38 15/- to £38 13/9, March £38 15/- to £38 10/-, April £38 10/-; settlement price £39 5/- per ton. TIN PLATES, also QUICKSILVER unaltered.

ULSTER BANK.

RECORD PROFITS FOR YEAR.

The annual meeting of the proprietors of the Ulster Bank, Limited, was held in the bank, Waring street, Belfast yesterday. Mr. Stanley Ferguson in the Chair. The net profits of the bank for the past year were a record, and amounted to £211,378 4s. This sum, added to £92,554, 12s. 11d., the balance of undivided profits from the previous year, left an available total of £303,932 16s. 11d. Two half-yearly dividends at the rate of 21½ per cent. per annum, amounting to £106,250, less £23,906 5s. for income tax—£82,343 15s.—have been paid to the shareholders. £25,000 has been appropriated to the officers' superannuation fund, £5,000 to the widows' and orphans' fund, and £100,000 to the reserve fund, making the balance of that fund £900,000, and the balance remaining, £91,589 1s. 11d., is carried forward to undivided profits account. The report of the Committee containing the above figures was signed by Mr. J. Milne Barbour, D.L., M.P., and was adopted on the motion of the chairman, seconded by Mr. Robert B. Henry, J.P. On the motion of Colonel Sir William Taylor, seconded by Mr. W. J. Paul, Messrs. Harmood, Banner and Son, of Liverpool, were reappointed auditors.

On the motion of Mr. P. K. L. Galloway, seconded by Mr. A. H. Moody, the following were elected members of the Committee:—Mr. J. Milne Barbour, D.L., M.P., Conway, Dunmurry; Mr. Robert B. Henry, J.P., Crumlin road, Belfast; Mr. William J. Paul, Ardbraccan, Adelaide Park, Belfast; Mr. R. Garrett Campbell, C.B.E., Coolgreany, Fortwilliam Park, Belfast; Mr. Francis A. Heron, D.L., Maryfield, Holywood, County Down; Senator Thomas M. Greer, Weston Crofts, Ballymoney, County Antrim; Colonel Sir William Taylor, K.B.E., C.B., M.B., F.R.C.S.I., 47 Fitzwilliam square, Dublin; Mr. William McMullan, Ardville, Marino, County Down, and Lieutenant-Colonel J. Jackson Clark, H.M.L., Largantogher, Maghera, County Londonderry. A vote of thanks was accorded to the directors and officers for the able and efficient manner in which they have conducted the affairs of the bank during the past year, on the motion of Mr. R. Garrett Campbell, C.B.E., seconded by Sir Samuel Kelly, C.B.E., which was acknowledged by Mr. Galloway on behalf of the directors and officials of the bank. The report and balance sheet, and the proceedings at the meeting, are printed in full elsewhere.

IRISH PROPERTY MARKET.

MIDDLE CLASS HOUSES IN DEMAND.

Messrs. Battersby and Co., the well-known Dublin auctioneers and estate agents, in their annual report, says:—The year drawing to a close presented no unusual features. Sales of property have been numerous, and on the whole as many transactions took place during 1924 as in the preceding year. Middle-class houses are still eagerly sought after, and it is extraordinary the number of occupants of this class of house, who now own their holdings, and who a few years ago were merely tenants, who never for a moment contemplated buying a house. This is an admirable feature and a healthy sign, because it gives the individual a direct interest in the country, and more particularly in his immediate surroundings and in the administration of public affairs, which hitherto was treated by him with the utmost indifference.

The banks are not now so liberal as they were, or, indeed, as they might and certainly should be, in making advances, but this aspect of the case will, no doubt, right itself when more confidence in the Irish Free State obtains. Every day things are becoming more normal and conditions rapidly stabilising.

Demands for large residences, as elsewhere, are, unfortunately for the country, not too numerous, but there can be no question that when more settled conditions prevail many Americans may be expected, and those who vacated the Emerald Isle during the troubled times will return to enjoy the scenery, hunting, shooting, fishing and hospitality of which the country is so justly proud.

DICTIONARIES IN DEMAND.

Booksellers declare that the sale of dictionaries and books of reference is on the increase. Women, as well as men, are the purchasers, and both are prompted by a common interest—the crossword puzzle.

Customers for dictionaries have come from all classes, and it seems that even bridge and chess players are beginning to turn their thoughts towards the new pastime.

IRISH FAIR.

PHILIPSTOWN (KING'S CO.)—This fair was held in anything but favourable weather, but notwithstanding this, there was a good attendance of both buyers and sellers. The supply of stock offered for sale in all departments was well up to the average of previous fairs, and the demand all round was keen except for inferior animals. Store cattle in good condition were in keen demand, as were also springers of a good quality, but the price of cows showed a slightly downward tendency. The sheep fair was not so well filled as usual, but the previous month's rates were maintained. First-class springers from £24 to £33; second-class and inferior, £17 to £22; good cows, £21 to £30; second-class, £13 to £20; two and three-year-old heifers and bullocks, £11 to £22, according to size and quality; yearlings, £8 10/. to £10; good sheep, £4 10/- to £5 10/-; lambs, 45/- to 60/-. Store pigs sold at about 62/. per cwt., live weight; slips (four to six months old) 50/- to 65/-; bonhams (eight to ten weeks old) 18/- to 30/- each.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

The following is the order of Advertisements in to-day's *Irish Times*:—

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FINANCIAL NEWS AND NOTES.

IRISH STOCK EXCHANGES.

DUBLIN.

NATIONAL LOAN LOWER. BANKS AND DISTILLERY SHARES GOOD. RADIO BUOYANT. RAILS SELLERS. TEXTILES IRREGULAR. TOBACCOS GOOD.

There was rather more business current on 'Change yesterday, and a good many interesting and a few important irregular price movements were established. Government National Loan was weak, and prices fell back rather sharply. British Funds were irregular. War Loan 5 p.c. Stock and Funding Loan improved further, but Irish Land 2¾ p.c. gave way. Banks were quiet, but the trend was favourable, especially for Bank of Ireland Stock. Breweries and Distilleries were busy. Distillery Shares were higher on balance, with Distillers (Scotch) very strong. Guinness were again dull. Marconi Ord. were about 1s. higher in a nominal market, while Radio Common show further marked buoyancy on support from the other side. Home Rails turned dull, especially for Great Southern issues, which show a general, but moderate, decline. Parent Tyres were firm, but Dunlop Rubbers, after a dull opening, closed in request. Arnott Ord. Shares eased further. Textiles were irregularly disposed. Bleachers and Spinners were weaker on realisation, but Cottons and Courtaulds were actively bid for. Tobaccos were well supported.

Government National Loan fell ½ to 92, and the Dead Stock ⅞ to 91¾.

In British Funds, War Loan 5 p.c. rose ⅛ to 101¼ and Funding Loan $\frac{1}{16}$ to 89¾, while Irish Land 2¾ p.c. fell 1¼ to 58¼.

Dublin Corporation Stock rose $\frac{1}{16}$ to 69$\frac{1}{16}$.

Banks closed wanted. Bank of Ireland Stock rose 2 to 277 and Nationals ¼ to 20¾, while Munster and Leinsters repeated 6$\frac{11}{16}$.

Distilleries attracted a lot of attention. Distillers rose a further 3s. 3d. to 60s., Dublin Distillers Pref. 3d. to 80s., and the Debs. ½ to 62, while the Ord. repeated 27s. 3d. and Guinness Ord. 49$\frac{1}{16}$. J. Power and Son Pref. eased 3d. to 18s. 6d.

Marconi Ord. closed 1s. higher at 30s. 6d., 31s. 6d. nominally. Radio Common moved up a further 1$\frac{1}{16}$ to 12$\frac{1}{16}$, and the Pref. closed 10$\frac{1}{16}$, after being 10¼-$\frac{1}{16}$ earlier in the day.

In Home Rails, Great Northern repeated 56¼, but the Pref. fell ½ to 57¼. Great Southern fell ¼ to 35, the Pref. ½ to 50¼, the Guaranteed 1 to 56 and the Debs. ½ to 68¾. Dublin and South-Eastern Pref. repeated 50¼, and Dublin and South Eastern City of Dublin Junction Guaranteed closed on offer at 57, or ½ under last marking.

In Trams, Dublin United Pref. repeated 8¾, and the "B" 3½ p.c. Debs. were wanted at 67¾, a rise of ½ on last quotation.

Alliance Gas Debs. repeated 66.

Dunlop Rubber Ord. realised 10s. 1½d. and 10s. 4½d., and the "C" Pref. fetched 20s. 6d. x.d. Parent Tyre Pref. rose 6d. to 14s. 9d., and the Deferred repeated 36s. 6d.

In Drapery Shares, Arnott Ord. fell 1s. to 85s.

Among Manufacturing Shares, Bleachers fell 1s. 3d. to 68s., 68s. 3d., 67s. 9d., Coats "B" Pref. 1½d. to 23s., and Spinners 6d. to 60s. Bradford Dyers improved 3d. to 84s. 6d., Calicos 4½d. to 38s. 9d., Cotton Ord. 1s. 9d. to 64s. 3d.-64s. 9d., and Courtaulds 3d. to 69s. 1½d., 69s. 3d., 69s. 4½d., 69s. 3d. Coats repeated 63s. 6d. Imperial Tobaccos rose 1s. to 88s. 6d.-89s., and British-Americans realised 109s. 10½d. Lever Brothers 7 p.c. realised 21s. 4½d.-21s. 3d., and the Pref.-Ord. (5s. shares) 6d. to 11s. 1½d. x.d.; the 8 p.c. Pref. repeated 21s. 3d. Vickers rose 3d. to 12s. Swedish Match "B" rose to 10$\frac{1}{16}$.

In Trading, etc., Burke Ord. repeated 85s. and the Debs. were again called 8½ to 9, and Wallace Bros. Pref. 55s.-57s. 6d. nominally. *Irish Times* Pref. realised again 67s. 6d., and the 2nd Pref. fell 6d. to 17s. 6d.

Other business done included Canadian Marconis at 5s. 6d., and British Controlled Oil Pref., 17s. 9d.

BUSINESS DONE AT ALL SESSIONS.
Transactions for cash marked "c."

National Loan..(92½)	92	Dub. Tram Pref..(8½)	8¾
Do. Deed.........(92¾)	91¾	Do. B Deb..(67¼)	67¾b
5% War Ln.(101¼)	101¼	Parent Def..(36/6)	*36/6
Funding Loan.(89¼)	89¾	Do. Pref.....(14/7½)	14/9
War Bonds 1927....106¼		Dunlops *10/1½	/4½
2¾% Land Stock......58¼		Do. C Pref............	*20/6
Dublin Stock.(68½)	69$\frac{1}{16}$c	Alliance Gas Deb.	
Dub. Port 7% Mort..100		(66)	66
Bank of Ireland		Arnott Ord.....(86/-)	85/-
(275)	*277c	Bleachers..(69/-)	68/- /3
Mun. & Lein...(6¾)	6$\frac{11}{16}$		7/9
National ....(20½)	20¾	Brad. Dyers..(84/3)	84/6
Distillers Ord.(56/9)	60/-	Calicos ......(38/4½)	38/9
Dublin Distillers		Coats ....(63/6)	63/6
(27/3)	27/3	Do. B Pf...(23/1½)	*23/-
Do. Pref......(79/9)	80/-	Cottons ....(62/9)	64/3b
Do. Deb.......(61½)	62		64/9a
Guinness.(49$\frac{1}{16}$)	*49$\frac{1}{16}$	Courtaulds	
Power Pref...(18/9)	18/6	69/1½	/3 /4½ /3
Marconi		Spinners ......(60/6)	60/-
(30/-) 30/6b	31/6a	B.A.T...(111/-)	*109/10½
Do. Canada	5/6	Imp. Tob...(88/-)	88/6 9/-
Radio Common	12$\frac{1}{16}$	Lever 7% (21/3)	21/4½ /3
Do. Pref..............	10$\frac{1}{16}$	Do. 8% ....(21/6)	21/3
G.N. Ord.......(56¼)	56¼	Do. 20% Pf.-Ord..	11/1½
Do. Pref........(57¾)	57¼	Vickers ....(11/9)	12/-
G.S. Ord........(35¼)	35	Burke Ord......(85/-)	85/-
Do. Pref........(51)	50¼	Do. Deb.....(8½)	8½b 9a
Do. Guar.......(57)	56	*Irish Times* 5½%	
Do. Deb........(68¼)	68¾	(67/6)	67/6
D.S.E. Pref.....(50¼)	50¼	Do. 6¼% ....(18/-)	*17/6
Do. Guar........(57½)	57a	Swedish Match B....	10$\frac{1}{16}$
		Brit. Controlled Pf..	17/9

* Odd lot, b bid, a asked.
(Last business done given in parentheses.)

IRISH BANKS' RATE.

Discount	5 p.c. 5th July, 1923.
Deposit	2 p.c. 5th July, 1923.

STOCK EXCHANGE SETTLEMENTS.

Mining contango day........	Jan. 5	Jan. 19
General contango day........	Jan. 6	Jan. 20
Ticket day	Jan. 7	Jan. 21
Account day	Jan. 8	Jan. 22

BELFAST.

Exchange was moderately active yesterday and prices ruled firm. War Loan was dealt in at 101¾, and closed at 101$\frac{1}{16}$. Northern Banking Co. "A" repeated 5¼, Belfast Harbour Commissioners 3½ p.c. 1968 stock, 72¼, Great Northern Railway, 56¾. The Pref. marked 57¼. Fine Cotton Spinners Ord., 60s. 4½d. Irish Distillery Pref. advanced ½ to 7, Dunlop Rubber, 10s. 3d.

PROVINCIAL EXCHANGES.

MANCHESTER.—Some declines in Textiles on profit taking. Bleachers, 67/6-68/-; do. Pref., 22/-22/6; Calicos, 38/9-39/-; do. Pref., 18/6-18/9; Dyers, 83/6-84/-; do. Pref., 20/-20/6; Cottons, 64/-65/-; do. Pref., 19/9-20/-; Spinners, 59/-60/-; do. Pref., 19/6-20/-; "Slubbers," 8/9-9/-; Coats, 63/-64/-; Ship Canal, 8$\frac{1}{16}$-8½; do. Pref., 8$\frac{1}{16}$-8$\frac{11}{16}$. Velvets, 30/9-31/-.

BIRMINGHAM.—Several good features among Motors. Humbers and S.T.D.'s advanced. Rolls Royce and Singers better. Dennis rising 42/-; Austin, 5/10½; do. Debs., 87½; Bluemels, 37/6; Components, 3/6; S.T.D., 5/9; Enfields, 38/-; Humbers, 31/6; Napiers, 26/-; do. Pref., 19/6; Rolls Royce, 29/4½; Rovers, 11/7½; Singers, 33/9; S.T.D.'s, 48/9; Swifts, 8/3; Triumphs, 26/3; Vauxhalls, 5/9; Dunlops, 10/3; Parent Def., 36/-.

DIVIDENDS AND REPORTS.

BURNELL AND CO.—Directors have decided to pay all arrears on 6 per cent. Pref. shares on February 1st.

COLONIAL MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE.—Dividend of 5 per cent. for half-year ended September 30th.

KAYS ATLAS BREWERY.—Interim dividend of 3 per cent. actual on Ord.

OREGON MORTGAGE.—Interim dividend at rate of 8 per cent. per annum, less tax (same as a year ago).

SOEMBER AJOE RUBBER ESTATES.—Dividend at rate of 5 per cent.

TAMIANG RUBBER ESTATES.—Dividend of 7½ per cent., free of tax.

YORKSHIRE DYEWARE AND CHEMICAL.—Interim dividend of 5 per cent. per annum, less tax (same).

TRAFFICS.

San Paulo Railway—Week to December 28th—Increase £9,104. Salvador Railway — Week to December 27th — Increase £1,932. Singapore Electric Tramways—Week to December 27th—Increase $1,173. Alcoy and Gandia Railway—Week to November 27th—Decrease pesetas 12,000. Assam Bengal Railway—Week to November 29th—Decrease Rs.19,076. Delhi Umballa Kalka Railway—Week to December 20th — Decrease Rs.4,710. Nizams State Railways—Week to December 6th—Broad Gauge System—Decrease Rs.25,229. Hyderabad Godavery Valley—Decrease Rs.36,590. Secunderabad Gadwal Line—Increase Rs.1,700. Hingoli Branch—Increase Rs.905. Canadian National Railways—November net earnings—Decrease $394,072. Bombay, Baroda and Central India Railway—Week to December 20th—Decrease Rs.67,000. East Indian Railway—Week to December 20th—Decrease Rs.180,000. Chatham and District Light Railways—Week to December 18—Decrease £17. New Cape Central Railway—Week to December 6th—Increase £169. Mersey Railway—Week to December 27th—Increase £344. Cordoba Central Railway—Week to December 27th—£60,100.

IRISH TRAFFICS.

	Last week.	Total 52 weeks.
	£	£
Gt. Southern....	65,194+ 125	4,295,833+142,026
Gt. Northern....	35,325+2,600	2,032,725+157,350
Dublin and S.E.	7,921+ 549	499,238— 10,401
Cork, Macroom.	329— 43	32,501+ 14,400
Co. Down..........	4,647 —	295,746 —

BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA COMPANY.

Mr. A. P. Millar will retire from the Secretaryship of the British South Africa Company to-day, and will be succeeded by Lieutenant-Colonel H. Marshall Hole.

LONDON STOCKS QUIETER.

PROFIT-TAKING SALES.

The London Stock markets were quieter as a whole yesterday, there being a certain amount of profit-taking in recent speculative favourites, but the general undertone was good, and here and there renewed strength became evident after a time, this being more particularly the case with respect to Rubber Shares. In the Gilt-edged market British Funds were inclined to be dull, especially the 3½ p.c. Conversion Loan, which marked a decrease of ⅛ to 78¾ at the close. The 4½ p.c., on the other hand, were the turn higher, finishing at 97¼, or ⅛ better on the day. Irish Land 2¾ p.c. were weaker, the final quotation showing a fall of a point to 58. Sudan 5½ p.c. opened slightly better, and further improved during the day. At the finish a gain of a point was marked to 103. Among Colonial Government Stocks, Western Australia 6 p.c. (1930-40) put on a point to 104. Australia 4½ p.c. Scrip were quoted 31¼, while Sudan 4 p.c. were unchanged at 22¾. Victoria New Scrip were marked at about $\frac{11}{16}$ discount. A firmer tone was manifest in Telegraph issues. Among [illegible] the Ord. were firm, but without change [illegible] the Pref. showed an improvement of [illegible] Radio Corporations were strong; the Common gained 1½ points to 12$\frac{1}{16}$, while the Pref. at 10$\frac{1}{16}$ were ⅛ to the good. Distillers, which were an active spot, finished the day ⅛ better at 2$\frac{1}{16}$. News were a bright spot, and final quotations were generally the turn higher. Associated Def. moved up on the dividend announcement, and finished ⅛ better at 6⅛. "Mirror" Ord. gained 1s. 3d. to 7, while "Sunday Pictorial" at 88s. 6d. were 4½d. to the good. An irregular tendency characterised Nitrates, for, while Anglo-Chilian put on 1s. 3d., both Rosario and Tarapaca finished 6d. lower.

FOREIGN BONDS STEADY.

A generally steady tone prevailed in Foreign Government Stocks. French Loans were weaker on the fall in the franc. The Fives lost ¼ to 20, but the Fours were maintained at 16. Japanese 4 p.c. (1905) dropped back to 88¼, a fall of a point on the day. Egyptian Unified further improved, the final quotation being ¼ higher at 77. Argentine and Brazilian issues were steady and without change, while Chinese were also repeated. A firm tone was manifest in Peruvians. The Ord. repeated 6, while the Pref. and the Debs. were also unchanged at 41 x.d. and 102 respectively.

FOREIGN RAILS IMPROVING.

Colonial and Foreign Rails continued to improve, and higher prices were returned where any alteration was marked. Antofagasta Ord. put on a point to 90. Among Buenos Ayres issues the Pacific further improved to 80¼, or ½ higher, while the Western at 76½ were also ½ to the good. Cordoba were again a centre of interest. The Ord. gained ¾ to 17¼, while the 2nd Pref. at 33 were ½ up. San Paulo were a strong spot, and the final quotation showed an increase of 2 points to 161. Canadian Pacifics, on the other hand, shed a point to 159. Grand Trunks were steady and unaltered, as were Mexicans.

OIL SHARES.

Although the Oil Share market was slightly less active than on the preceding day, business was, nevertheless, on a fairly good scale, there being further evidence of increase in public interest. Following the sharp rise which occurred on Monday, as a result of the increase in the price of Pennsylvania crude, profit-taking was encountered in the early hours, but renewed buying in the afternoon caused a recovery, and prices showed little change on balance. As a matter of fact the recognised leaders were mostly unaltered on the day. Shells continued to receive a good deal of attention, and quickly made good an initial loss, and Royal Dutch closed at the overnight level, after having been on offer at a decline.

RUBBER SHARES GENERALLY FIRM.

Another good business was put through in the Rubber Share market yesterday. A long list of alterations was marked, and in most instances prices moved to higher levels. Anglo-Sumatra gained 1s. 3d. to 61s. 3d., while Anglo-Dutch at 50s. 6d. were 9d. to the good. Anglo-Malay put on 6d. to 28s. 9d. Bah Lias gained a similar amount, the final quotation being 38s. B.N.B.R. Trust were a firm spot, and at the finish a rise of 7½d. was marked to 13s. 10½d. Bukit Cloh gained 5½d. to 4s. 6d.; while Bukit Rajah at 25s., were 6d. better. Glenshiel were distinctly better, the final level being 1s. 4½d. higher than the previous closing price at 16s. 10½d. Eastern Trust and Glenbervie were both firm, and at the finish they both showed rises of 1s. to 18s. 3d. and 28s. 9d., respectively. Lanadron put on 9d. to 24s. 6d.; while Ledbury, at 33s. 9d., were also 9d. better. Moopiy Valley were an exceptionally firm spot, and here an improvement of 3s. 6d. was recorded, the closing figure being 28s. 6d. Membakut gained 1s. 3d. to 18s. 9d.; while Pataling, at 22s. 9d., were 9d. better. Selaba, at 29s. 4½d., were 2s. 4½d. up while Sapumalkande gained 1s. 10½d. to 25s. 7½d. Serdang Central at 31s. 9d., and Sendayan at 34s. 7½d., were 1s. 1½d. and 10½d. higher, respectively. Tebrau put on 1s. 6d. to 43s. 9d.; while Tandjong, at 39s. x.d., were 1s. to the good. Highlands, at 42s., were 6d. up; while Java Amalgamated finished the turn higher at 30s. 4½d. Malacca lost 1s. to 39s.; while Malayalam at 42s. 3d. were 3d. lower. Kuala Lumpur, at 37s. 6d. ex bargain, were 2s. 6d. below the overnight quotation. The price of rubber rose to 20d. per lb.

TEA SHARES IRREGULAR.

An irregular tendency characterised the Tea Share market yesterday. Business was again on a rather smaller scale, and was for the most part confined to speculative issues, some of which registered appreciable increases. A long list of alterations was recorded at the close of the day's business, and, while a number of issues were better, the majority of price changes were in the downward direction. Cons. Tea and Lands were firm, and at the finish a further improvement of ⅛ was marked, the final quotation being 82½ x.d. Assam Dooars more than recovered their fall of the previous day, finishing ⅜ to the good at 59¾. Amalgamated Estates, on the other hand, continue to droop, and after yesterday's business they showed a further decrease of ⅜ to 47¾. Brahmapootra were also a dull spot, and here also a fall of ⅜ was marked, the closing level being 35. Bargang put on 2s. 4½d. to 73s. 6d., while Borelli finished 7½d. up. Balijan gained 6d. to 56s. Jorehaut were a good spot, and at the finish they showed an increase of 1s. to 102s. 3d. Lunuva gained 1s. 6d., the closing figure being 46s. 6d. Nedeem also moved up slightly. New Sylhet put on $\frac{1}{16}$, while Upper Assam gained a further 6d. to 72s. Assam Frontier, on the other hand, shed $\frac{1}{16}$ to 8$\frac{1}{16}$, while Anglo-Ceylon finished 3d. down. British Assam and British Indian were both lower, the former losing 7½d. to 123s. 1½d., while the latter at 97s. 6d. x.d. were 1s. 3d. below the previous price. Chargola slipped back as did Darjeeling. Dooars lost 1s. to 92s., while Doom Dooma at 5$\frac{11}{16}$ were $\frac{1}{16}$ down. Empire and Jhanzie both lost the turn, while Jokai at 99s. 3d. were 7½d. lower. Singlo at 89s. x.d., and Tea Corporation at 32s. 1½d. were both 6d. down.

INDUSTRIALS FIRM.

After opening rather on the dull side, Miscellaneous and Industrial markets developed a firmer tone late in the day, though the volume of business passing was not large. With a few exceptions, Textiles suffered from slight realisations, Bradford Dyers being noticeably flat with a fall of 1s. Renewed strength was exhibited by Courtaulds, which, in response to a fresh demand, further improved to 69s. 4½d., business being recorded at up to 69s. 9d. Fine Spinners dropped 6d. to 59s. 9d., and smaller losses occurred in Bleachers to 68s. ex dividend, in Calico Printers to 39s. 3d., in Coats to 63s. 6d. ex bonus, and in William Hollins to £1. Iron, Coal and Steels remained firm, but Shipping shares showed hesitancy. Fresh support was forthcoming for leading Motor shares, among which Dennis Bros. figured prominently. The demand for Insurances continued unabated, with the result that further advances were recorded, and Insurance issues were generally steady. Electrics hardly moved, and the Marconi group ruled steady at previous levels.

Swedish Match "A" continued in request and finished ⅛ better at 10⅞, though the "B" Shares eased to 10$\frac{1}{16}$. Lever 7 p.c. and 8 p.c. Prefs. stiffened to 21s. 6d. ex dividend, and 21s. 4½d. ex dividend respectively. James Finlays were subjected to realisations and weakened to 78s. 9d. Newspaper shares were featureless. Among Refreshment issues, Schweppes Deferred continued on offer and further receded to 29s. 3d., or 1s. 6d. lower on balance. In Caterers, Liptons weakened to 23s., showing a fall of 6d., and Spiers and Ponds lost that much at 31s. J. Lyons, however, were wanted and moved up $\frac{1}{16}$. Breweries generally hold their ground, Watney Deferred recovering to 215¼, though Benskins Prefs. receded to 4¼. Whiskey shares kept firm, Distillers responding to a renewed demand by rising 1s. 6d. to 59s., business taking place up to 60s.